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THE PLUNDERED MINISTERS
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Extracts from the Minutes of the Committee of Plundered Ministers

WITH NOTES

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NOTE.

SEEING advertised in a list of second-hand books 'MSS. Plundered Ministers of Lincolnshire,' I immediately wrote, and was fortunate to secure the copy. The writer of the manuscripts stated in his first entry that his work was 'Extracts from the Minutes of the Committee of Plundered 'Ministers, A.D. 1645-1647, so far as relates to Lincolnshire 'parishes—the original minutes were in the collection of 'the Rev. Dr. Gordon, Precentor, and afterwards of his son, 'the late Dean, by whose executors they were sold to the 'British Museum, A.D. 1845'—and added: 'There are still 'some Lincolnshire parishes in the original minutes which 'were not transcribed for want of time.' I was anxious, the manuscripts being of value, to have them compared with the originals, and made complete. With that object I asked Mr. George Rutter Fletcher, F.S.A., if he would undertake this work for me, which he kindly promised to do; and it is to his pains and care that the present book owes its value, for there was scarcely a page to which he did not make corrections, or add valuable information from his researches in the British Museum and the Record Office. To that gentleman I tender my thanks, for without his aid I could not have published this work.

W. E. FOSTER.

INTRODUCTION.

ERRATUM.

Page xxvi, line 16, *for* 'Joseph' *read* 'Justin.'

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It is somewhat strange that it should be at the dawn of the twentieth century that the first printed record of the doings of the Parliamentary Committee of Plundered Ministers in relation to the clergy of Lincolnshire should be published, and the reader may very reasonably wonder what has been the cause of the delay, considering the many able antiquaries the county has produced; and though there may be some MS. copies of the minutes of the Committee compiled by diligent students of the past history of the shire, no one has yet come forward to publish them. It cannot be that the period covered by the proceedings is unin-

teresting, either from a national or ecclesiastical point of view. None will dispute it was a period of bloodshed and of bitter feuds; a time when England was divided into two large hostile camps, the Royalists and the Parliamentarians; a time when strife had brought grief and distress to almost every town and family in the land; for in many of the hard-fought battles members of the same families were often found in the opposing armies, warring against their kith and kin.

It was a time, too, when many of the old county families sank into obscurity and want, whilst other families rose from obscurity to affluence and position. It was a time, too, when the Church's position and work was even more paralyzed than it had been at the Dissolution of Monasteries, or at the Reformation, and the struggles of the clergy were as hard and probably more trying than they were in the reigns of the three last of the Tudor monarchs.

Though Lincolnshire was not the scene of any of the larger battles of the Parliamentary War, there was enough bloodshed to embitter the minds of the inhabitants of the county, and make them keen partisans. The feeling between Church and Dissent was most hostile, and few stones were left unturned to weaken the Church's influence and power by the Parliamentary party, for, like the landed gentry, the clergy mostly sympathized with the King's cause.

Yet, in spite of all the bloodshed and cruelty, many think this period laid the foundation of the much greater political and religious freedom which the nation afterwards enjoyed, and which has altered the whole character of the people.

The Committee for Plundered Ministers was appointed by Parliament, and we cannot do better than give the following quotations from the general minutes contained in the first of

the three volumes of the proceedings (Add. MSS. British Museum 15669):

Die Sabbati ult. December, 1642.

MR. SOLLICITOR, etc.,

This Committee or any foure of them are to consider of the fittest way for the releefe of such Godly and well affected ministers as have been plundered and likewise to consider what malignant persons have benefices herein and about this town whose livinges being sequestred there may be others to supply their cures and receive the ꝑfitts and are to meete on Monday next at two of the clock in the Excheq^r Court.

On die Mercurij, 18 *October*, 1643.

It is ordered by the Comons assembled in Parliament that the Comittee for Plundered Ministers shall have power to enquire after malignant Schoole masters.

On die Jovis, 27 *Julij*, 1643.

Ordered by the Comons assembled in Parliam^t^ that the comitee for plundered ministers shall nominate none to any parsonage or benefice but such as first shall be examined by the assembly of Divines or any five of them and approved by a certificate under their handes.

Ordered that the Committee for plundered ministers shall have power to consider of the Informacons against scandalous ministers though there be no malignancy p'ved against them and shall have power to put out such as are of scandalous life the scandalls being p'ved against them.

The General Committee was composed of :

'Mr. Sollicitor' Oliver St. John, M.P. for Totnes.
Sir Gilbert Gerald, Bart.
Mr. Edward Prideaux.
Sir Wm. Armyn, M.P. for Grantham.
Mr. Cornelius Holland.
Mr. Rous.
Sir John Holland, Bart.
Mr. Cage.

This Committee, which contained among their number two of King Charles I.'s judges who condemned that monarch to death, held their meetings in London, and were appointed on December 7, 1642. To act under this Committee local committees for every county were formed, consisting, according to Walker, of not less than five or more than ten members. Each member of the county committees received five shillings a day for every time they attended to perform their work.

How the general and county committees

carried out their work probably the existing MSS. relating to Cambridgeshire furnish the best example, though the county of Lincoln unfortunately furnishes a very fair example of how they performed their duties throughout the land. The Lincolnshire local committee loyally conformed to the wishes of the Parliamentary wire-pullers in London. If Walker, in his 'Sufferings of the Clergy,' is to be relied on, the whole scheme of the Committee was a piece of Parliamentary plundering, for he says: 'The Committee were instituted under pretence of making some provision for such godly preachers as had either suffered loss of goods by His Majesty's soldiers or loss of livings for adhering to the Houses of Parliament. And how truly it was a pretence, and nothing else, may be learned from the worthy Dr. Symmons, in his "Loyal Subject Belief," page 7.' Walker at great length (page 73) describes the character and pro-

ceedings of the General Committee, and though he was a prejudiced judge of the Committee's action, there is considerable truth in his strictures.

Unfortunately the existing records are not so complete for the county of Lincoln as they are for that of Cambridge. We have found no MSS. that give the orders, charges, and proceedings against the Lincolnshire clergy as we do those of Cambridgeshire.

There are besides the MSS. in the British Museum two order books, unindexed, and a bundle of papers of the Committee of Plundered Ministers at the Record Office (State Papers Interregnum, Fols. 1, 2, and 3). To show the nature of the charges and proceedings we give one of the most interesting cases from the county of Cambridge, the Vicar of Soham, which furnishes the reader with an insight into those troublous times.

SOHAM.

Add. MS. 15672, *p.* 21.

The information of divers witnesses against Mr Exceter Vicar of Soham in the Co. of Cambridge taken upon oath the 29th day of March 1644 before the Commissioners for Scandalous Ministers sitting at Cambridge.

Imprimis. That the sd Mr Exceter hath been a strict observer of the late innovations and ceremonies in the Church, viz., bowing towards the altar and bowing at the name of Jesus, standing up himself at Gloria Patri and requiring his parishioners to do the like, signing children with the sign of the cross and using to read second service within the rails at the Communion table before the sermon, and so likewise after his sermon, and by preaching in his surplice. Thos. Malden, Wm. Revell, Martin Chambers.

Item. That the sd Mr Exceter about 2 years and a half since being asked by these deponents' wives whether he would administer the Sacrament unto them and these deponents without coming to the rails, the sd Mr Exceter answered he durst not nor would not for fear of losing his living, as these deponents have heard their wives say. Wm. Revell, Thos. Malden.

Thos. Nethercote, Martin Chambers, Thos. Malden, Wm. Revell.

Item. That the s^d^ Mr Exceter about 3 years since did use the bidding canonical prayer before his sermons and no other, but since the rails were pulled up he hath left it.

Thos. Malden, Wm. Revell, Martin Chambers. Speak to all but the Book of Sports.

Item. That the s^d^ Mr Exceter or his curate hath read the Book of Sports publicly in the church on the Lord's day and that Mr Exceter suffered licentious people to sport and play near unto his house on the Lord's day and fast days without reproof or admonition that the deponents know or have heard and also to go to plough and cart on the fast days.

Benjamen Giles, Wm. Parnsye. Marten Chambers, Marke Crouther, Wm. Parnesey.

Item. That the s^d^ Mr Exceter never preacheth but once upon the Lord's day, and once on a fast day, and sometimes not at all on fast days, and never gives notice to his parishioners of the fast days but constantly gives notice of holy days and sometimes he preacheth not once in a month.

John Haylocke, Marke Crouther, Martin Chambers.

Item. That the s^d^ Mr Exceter is a frequenter of an alehouse and tavern, sitting drinking and spending much time there with such company as are disaffected to the parliament.

Martin Chambers.

Item. That the s^d^ Mr Exceter several times within a twelvemonth last past hath taken company keepers home with him on the Lord's

day and hath sent twice to the tavern at least for great quantities of wine, spending much time on that day with such company.

Item. That the parliament appointing a day of thanksgiving upon the discovery of the plot at London, the s^d^ Mr Exceter did omit the solemnizing of the same as also the former day of thanksgiving upon the pasification with the Scotts. Martin Chambers, Benjamen Giles.

Item. That the s^d^ Mr Exceter refused to take the vow and covenant, and by his refusal caused almost all his parish to withdraw from taking of it. One Thomas Warner and others of his parishioners desiring him to set his hand to it first, he answered, 'I will do it when I think good,' but did not at all, as these deponents know or have heard. Martin Chambers.

Item. That this deponent having conference with the s^d^ Mr Exceter concerning the taking of the vow and covenant, this deponent said to the s^d^ Mr Exceter, 'I think . . . very fitting for we have begun first with the protestation and the . . . and this is but to confirm it.' Then the said Mr Exceter in a rage and fury said, 'You had best take heed what you do,' and the parishioners seeing the said Mr Exceter so much against the taking of the covenant they Martin Chambers.

went all away and never took the covenant except 3 or 4 in the whole town, which hath in it at least 300 families.

Martin Chambers, Marke Crouther Thos. Nethercote.

Item. That the s^d^ Mr Exceter keeps company familliarly with those that are disaffected to the parliament, vizt he used to keep company very much with one Mr Thornton, who is now in the king's army.

Samuel Smith.

Item. That the s^d^ Mr Exceter about 2 years since riding from Newmarket was so disguised and distempered with beer or wine that he could scarce sit on his horseback.

Thos. Malden, Wm. Revell.

Item. These deponents say that about harvest last was 3 years the s^d^ Mr Exceter caused a warrant to be served upon these deponents (terming them in the warrant ill-behaved fellows) to appear at the assizes for going abroad to hear sermons on Sundays in the afternoons because they had none at home, but because the justice was not at home to bind these deponents over to the assizes the constables of Soham [took] these deponents to Mr Exceter, and told him they had brought those fellows, and desired him to end the matter because they were poor men, that they might not go to the assizes to spend their money. The said Mr Exceter answered, 'I

will do anything if they will conform,' and then being in the constables' custody all that day at night were discharged. But the deponents afterwards going to hear sermons again as is aforesaid it was reported by divers of Mr Exceter's company keepers in the town that Mr Exceter would undo them so that these deponents were forced to sell their goods to great loss, and go out of the town for fear of being undone by him.

Item. That Mr Exceter hath entertained such curates as have been frequenters of alehouses, and such as are not fit to have the charge of souls, one of them who was with him 7 or 8 years was a common swearer and a drunkard. Tho. Nethercote, Marke Crouther, Wm. Parnsay.

Item. That in the opinion and judgment of these deponents the sd Mr Exceter and his curate are very insufficient for the office of ministers, and they say they cannot edify or profit by their sermons, and that some of them are fain to go to other's sermons. Tho. Nethercote, Marke Crouther, Wm. Parnsay.

Item. This deponent hath seen Mr Whitloe now curate to Mr Exceter drink prince Rupert health in an alehouse. Marke Crouther.

The living is worth £100 a year at the least. He is a bachelor, he hath no temporal estate

as these deponents know or have heard. It belongs to Pembrooke Hall in Cambridge.

MARTIN CHAMBERS.

These depositions were taken before us the 29th of March 1644.

JOHN BUDISH.
ROBERT CLARKE.
SAMUELL SPALDING.
THOMAS FRENCH.
ROBERT ROBSON.

I left the warrant at Mr Exceter's house for him to appear before the Committee upon Monday the 25th of March last past.

MARTIN CHAMBERS.

In one case—Surrey—the parson of Hedley lost his living 'in that he is a notorious and horrid swearer and curser not sparing his wife and children from his fearful execracons and hath expressed great malignancy against the Parliamt'; but we must hope, for the clergyman's reputation, the sting of the charge was, like a wasp's, in the tail.

The local committee for Lincolnshire consisted during the whole of the proceedings of :

Montague Cholmeley
Edward Ellis.
William Saville [or Savin].
Wm. Bury [or Barry or Burne].
John Disney [or Disury].
William Thompson [or Capt. Thompson].
Sir Thomas Trollope, Knt.
— Mills.
Peter Fallwood.
John Arther.
Humphrey Walcott.
Richard Filkin.
Wm. Lister.
Richard Bryant.
Hon. Francis Clinton Fines.
Nathaniel Bacon.

We do not know when each individual was appointed, but the whole of their number were not serving at the same time.

We find the names of the following leading

Lincolnshire gentry recorded as delinquents or interested in Church property :

Archibald Hay, Gent.
Wm. Howson.
Edward Skipworth.
Sir John Brooke, Knt.
Sir Lewis Watson.
Charles Townley, 'a Papist and delinquent.'
The Earl of Lindsey.
Sir Geo. Hennage, Knt.
Sir Wm. Thorold.
Sir Edward Hussey, Knt.
Sir Robert Tredway.
Sir Wm. Witherington.
Edward Whitthrott, Esq.
Charles Dymoke.
Col. Roper.
Sir Charles Coney, Knt.
Thos. Appleyard.
Phillip Turner.

It is proposed to give the proceedings of the Committee in the alphabetical list of the parishes to which they relate, so that the reader can readily find any parish whose

minister was deprived of his cure to give place to 'a godlie and orthodox divine,' whose piety in so many instances appears to have consisted in his loyalty to the Parliamentary cause, and his hatred of everything relating to Church except the emoluments.

No one can fail, in reading the proceedings, to be struck by the many cases of cruelty and hardship, whilst in others, when one takes into consideration the times and the conduct of the ministers, one can scarcely blame the conduct of the Committee. There were, no doubt, clerical scandals then as now in the Church. Those of the Cavalier ministers who so forgot their sacred calling, as the rector of Croyland (Captain Stiles), who took up arms against the Parliamentary forces, and defended the abbey and town against Cromwell himself, or the fighting rector of Fleet, and the vicar of Holbeach, could not expect much mercy from the Committee, nor can they claim much

sympathy even now; nor could the plain-spoken clergy, like Dr. Hurst, of Barrowby, who preached against the Parliament, and said 'that if this damnable work of reform should last two or three years longer all ministers would become fellow commoners with Nebuchadnezzar,' and at another time comparing Essex, Fairfax, Waller, and Cromwell (the four great Parliamentary leaders) 'to the four horns mentioned by the prophet Daniel,' adding that 'Cromwell was the great and terrible horn,' expect much pity.

Again, on the other hand, the 'godlie and orthodox' divines had not always 'a bed of roses.' The 'godlie divine' at Market Deeping, even with all the support of the Parliament, had not a pleasant time of it; his flock did not appreciate him, and would not pay the tithe; and, to add to his other discomforts, he was captured by the Royalists and detained as a prisoner at Newark Castle, then held for the

King. The Horncastle and Morton people gave trouble to their intruded ministers, whilst Stamford and Swarby were not found desirable abodes for 'godlie divines.'

In one case we find a 'godlie divine' had to withdraw when the 'King's forces possessed those parts'; and on their retreating he had to appeal to the Committee at considerable trouble and expense to compel the parishioners to pay the arrears of tithe which had accrued during his enforced absence.

In another we find an intruding minister appealing to the Committee complaining that the parishioners not only refused to pay tithe, but they had a free fight in the church, got possession of the reading pew and pulpit, and whilst preventing the godlie divine from preaching, permitted another minister 'to preache to ye manifest contempt of ye authoritie of Parliam^t.'

In some cases we actually find 'godlie and

orthodox divines' 'relinquisheth ye same.' Probably they found life scarcely worth living in their particular cures.

On the other hand, we find the vicar of Welby voluntarily left his flock to look after themselves whilst he formed part of the garrison of Newark Castle, to battle for the King, and he does not appear to have troubled either the Committee or the 'godlie divine' who would fill his place, preferring the camp to the parsonage.

To show the state that Lincolnshire was in at the time of the rebellion, and the difficulties that beset the clergy, we will finish this introduction by giving an account (published by the late Mr. Joseph Simpson, in the *Fenland Notes and Queries*) of how the fighting rector of Croyland treated his neighbour the vicar of Spalding, a partisan of the Parliament :

'Upon Satterday the 25th of March, being Lady day, erly in the morneing, Captn. Stiles and Capt. Cromwell, mast. will Stiles, the

minister of Croyland, with about 80 or 90 men, came to our towne of Spalding, wch at that time was vtterly unfurnished of men and armes, whereof they had intelligence the evening before by some of our maligna[n]t and Trecherous neybours; nere breake of day they beset the house of Mr. Ram, the minister of the towne, where they tooke John Harrington, esq^r^, and the sayd Mr. Ram, and in a violent and uncivil manner carried them away to Croyland, att the entering whereof all the people of the towne Generally were gathered together to se and triumph ouer ther prisoners, wch put vs in mind of Sampson's entertaynements when he was taken by the Philistines; some others of our towne they tooke at the same time, but released all saue Edward Horne, one of Captayne Escorts servants, so we 3 were kept together under strong guards, and about 10 dayes after, one Mr. william Slater, of Spalding, a man of about 66 yeares of age, was taken by some of their scouts and made prisoner with vs, our vsage for dyet and Lodging was indifferent good at the time of our imprisonment, wch was 5 weeks, but some insolencyes we weare inforced now and then to indure. Capt. Styles one day quarreled with vs for praying, and

forbade vs to doe so saying we shoold pray every man for himselfe, Threttening he wood take away the bible from vs, saying it was not fit for traytors to haue the Bible, and by noe meanes woold p'mit us to haue pen, inck, or paper, though Mr. Ram did ernestly sue to him for them, and protested that he woold write nothing but what they should see or heare if they pleased. After we had continued there nere 3 weeks, on Thursday, the 12 of Aprill, some companeys of our frends aduanced towards our releese, where vpon, about 8 o'clock that night, we weare all carried down to the Bulworke on the north side of the towne, where we continued amunst the rude souldiers and townesmen till after midnight, but by reason our forces fel not on that night we weare carried into an alehouse, where we continued till daylyght, and then we weare had to our lodgings. But when our companyes approched nerer our towne, then weare we all brought fourth agayne, and another prisoner, one Daniel Pegg, of Deepinge aded to vs and carried to that part of the towne where the first onset (?) was giuen: being all of vs fast pinioned and made to stand in an open place where the Cannon began to play. A while after we weare all 5 of vs set

upon the top of the brest worke (according as had benn often thretened before) weare we stoode by the space of 3 Hours, our frends shooting fercely at vs for a greate pt [part] of the time before they knew [us ?]. . . . Harrington tooke one of his souldiers Musketts charging it with pistall powder, and himself made 3 shots at his owne father, both he and all the rest of the Souldiers on that side supposeing we had binn Croylanders that stood there to brave them: when our frends p'ceiued who we weare they left [off] fireing upon vs and began to play more to the right hand of vs, whether Mr. Ram and Servant Horne weare presently remoued, wch caused our p'ty to hould there hands; so little was done on that side of the towne that day, indede there works weare very strong and well Lined with Musqueters, who weare Backt with store of Hassock Knives, long syths, and such like fenish weapons, and besides without there works was a greate water both brode and deepe, wch incompassed all that side of the towne by reason whereof our smal forces coold doe no good at that time, neyther could they approch nerer without greate Haserd and losse; the Minister of the towne, Mr. Stiles, was very actiue all the time of the fighte on the west

side, where he commanded in cheefe runing from place to place, and if fearefull oaths be the character of a good souldier he may well pass Muster, wch made vs not so much to maruell at the abominable swereing wch we heard almost from euery mouth, yea, even when the Bullets flew thickest. But as the fury of the assalt did beginne to abate in those p'ts [parts], so did it begin to increase in the north side, whither presently Mr. Ram and Seriant Horne were posted and there set vp upon the Bulworke for our frends on that side to play upon; who plyed vs with greate and smal shot for a greate while together, supposeing Mr. Ram had been the vapoureing p'son [parson] of the towne, many of our dere and worthy frends haue since tould vs how many times they shot at vs with there owne hands, and how Heartyly they desired to dispatch vs: But the Loard of Hoasts, who numbers the Hayres of our heads, so guided the Bullets that of Multitudes wch fleu about our ears (and many of them within half mosquet shot) not one of them had the power to touch vs, (blesed be the name of our good god). After we had continued about 3 hours more upon the north worke our fources began to retreate, and then weare we taken

downe and garded to our lodgings Mr. Harrington also and the 2 other prisoners which had continued al the while upon the west workes weare bringing up to vs, but the forces on the north side begin to fire agayne, whereupon they weare carried back towards there works by a base fellow of the towne and then our forces on both sides retreated.

'Vpon this greate Victory (as the Croylanders vaunted) one Mr. Jackson, a minister, then in the towne, drew the people into the Church, where he made them certayne collects by way of thankfullnesse for theire good successe: the most part of the night following was spent in drinking, reuiling, and rayleing vpon the p'lament and Roundheads as if they had offered some extraordinary sacrifice to Barkchus, insomuch that there was scarcse a sober man in the whole towne amongst them. And since we are fallen into the mention of Mr. Jackson, we cannot omit some passages of his: he was formerly a greate incendiary in another place some 10 miles from Croyland, where he stired up the people in a dangerous and rebellious manner to take vp armes agaynst the p'lament, and drew many of good estates into action vnder the command of Captayne Welby, but

God was pleased timely to rout that Company without much losse of blud : upon the defeate there Mr. Jackson with some others sheltered themselves at Croyland, where, what by preaching and what by priute p'swading, he was a cheefe instrument of stiring up the people of Croyland to take vp arms and to commit such outrages as they did ; the last sabboth that we weare prisoners there he preached, and in his sermon did mightily incurrage the people to play the men, commending them highly for there currage and vallour in the former encounter, and p'swaded them by many arguments to goe on in there resolution, saying that the cause was God's, and that He had fought for them and woold doe so still, and that all the good people of the land prayed for them, he sayd also those holy stones pray for you, these holy books pray for you, wch your enymyes teare in peeces to Light Tobacco withall, the holy vestments pray for you, that holy table prayes for you, wch they in many places make an horse Racke, yea, the saynts in heauen pray for you, but of this enough and too much. To proceed in our relation, we heard no more of our frends comeing to releue vs till tuseday, the 25th of Aprill, and then the towne was

assalted on three sides by parte of the regiments of those noble gentlemen, Coronel Sr Miles Hubbert, Coronel Sir Anthony, and Coronel Cromwell; when the forces adu[a]nced something nere the towne, Mr Ram was agayne called for and brought out of his lodging and carried with al speede to the north Bulworke, and being very straytly pinnioned, he was layd within the worke vpon the wet ground, where he layd by the space of 5 hours, often entreateing that he might be set vpon the Bulworks by reason of the numnesse of his Limbs and his extreame wearinesse with lying so long in that posture, but they would not suffer him, the reason we conceaue was for that our frends thretened to giue noe quarter if any of vs weare agayne set upon the bulworks; that tuesday proued a very windy wet day, and so continued till thursday morning, that most of our companeyes weare forced to quit there morish roten quarters and retreate, onely some smal partyes on the west and south held them in exercise day and night; most p't of that time, through the weather was very extreame and they had no shelter to defend them from it; on Thirsday, in the afternoon al the companeyes were drawne downe upon the

Q. . . . onely the towne is accessable, ... who so plyed the Croylanders vpon eurey quarter that there harts began to fayle, diuerse of them stealeing away into the couerts and Morish grounds on the East side of the towne (wch they call . . . . ., so famous for fish and fowle) and many more that night followed there fellowes : on the fryday morneing, those few that remayned set the best face they coold vpon so bad a busynesse and seemed as if they woold fight it out to a man, but before daylight they moued for a treaty, wch being granted they sent there vnreasonable propositions, wch being tourne a sunder and scorned, our men advanced and entered the towne, without any opposition, some of the cheefe actors got away, yet some weare taken in the towne and many more since in seuerall places in the Country a bout ; Captn Styles, Lieutenant Auburne, of Linn, Thos Bowre, a scriuener of London, Mr. Jackson, the minister of ffleete, Mr. William Baldwer, and some 3 or 4 more, are now prisoners at Cambridge, some are committed to the prouest marshal of Spalding. Of Croyland onely one was slayne and one Hurt, of our men weare killed 5, and some 18 or 20 wounded, whereof some since deade, there wounds being in-

curable by reason of there poysoned bullets. 10 Champt Bullets were found in one man's pocket, some of there Musquets being drawne by our men had such Bullets in them, and abundance of the same sort found by our Souldiers. The principalest man we lost was Mr. Nicholas Norwood, a gentleman exceeding zealous and actiue in this and other seruices, he dyed of a shot in the shoulder some 5 or 6 days after, and was much Lamented, by al that knew him, and his forwardnesse for the publick cause. Thus it pleased the Lord to deliver vs out of our imprisonment and miraculusly to preserue those that weare appointed to dye, for wch we desire to blesse his name for euer, and blessed be the Lord for rayseing vp so many noble gentlemen and worthy frends not onely of our Neybours in the Country round about vs, but of other p'ts far distant from vs, who, with wonderfull currage and resolution, ingaged themselues to releue us or to dye in the place.

'The Coppy of the Letter wch Mr. Ram had sent to Croyland, wch they pretended to be the cause of that madnesse agaynst him "As one that truly desires your peace and welfare, I adventure once more to write vnto you. My

busynesse at this time is to intreate you to accept of the aduise of a frend, who, though but a stander by, p'haps sees more than you that play the game, I beseech you consider how dangerously you runn the Hazerd both of your liues and fortunes in the Course you take; doe you thinke to take vp armes, to make bulworkes and fortifications without commission, to disobey all warrants and commands are not very high contempts, can you Imagine that the p'lament or the committy at Lincoln can indure such affronts, or can you thinke to defend your selues agaynst such forces as may easily and spedyly be raysed agaynst you, surely your nombers and preparations are not so greate but that a smal poure may preuayle agaynst you, neyther is your towne so inaccessable but that it may be approched many wayes, a peece of ordenance will soone batter downe your houses at 2 or 3 miles distance. Besides it is possible in a very short time to famish your towne by cuting of all supplyes of corne and other prouision. P'haps you expect some forces from other pt's that will come in to your aydes, p'haps they wch haue so promised you will not or cannot be so good as there words, or if they be, surely

Croyland is not able to receiue at least to maynetayne any considerable nomber of men. Good neybours, thinke seriously on these things, and doe not desperately ruin your selues and your posterity, but herken timely to the councils of peace. I know your plea is that you doe stand vpon your owne good in defence of your selues and estates : so pleaded O. H., so pleaded C. ; and so pleaded al that stand out with the p'lament, but the p'lament allows of no such plea, neyther will it indure to be so contemned, assure your selues that if the forces of Linn, Cambridg, Northampton, Notingham, Lincolne, Boston, and Spalding, be able to reduce you to the p'laments obedience or Justice, you will not escape them : my councel therefore is that you woold play the p'ts of wise men, lay downe your armes and submit yourselues, listen not to them that aduise you to stand out, they will be the first that will forsake you. Let those that weare named in the last warrant present them selues to the committy without delay, it will be the best dayes' worke that euer you did, and if they will be pleased to make vse of me, I will doe therein the best seruice I can, not doubting but I shal obtayne there peace vpon fayre

termes. Thus beseeching the God of peace to incline your harts to these motions of peace.

'I Rest

'your ffaythfull frend

'ROBERT RAM.

'Spalding, January 31, 1642(3).'

The Committee seem to have had ample powers to summon witnesses before them, and punish those who did not attend as well as the offending clergy, and when they thought their proceedings were delayed by the clergy, they gave orders for the churchwardens to collect the tithe and profits of the living, and account to them. Sometimes, too, the clergy complained that they could not get witnesses to disprove the charges against them, 'for the publique would not permit them' when they were ordered by the Committee to attend. and they 'are not to faile at their p'rle.'

We find the Committee ordered at times 'the Sergeant at Armes of the House of 'Comons or his deputie or his deputies to bring

'them (witnesses as well as clergy) into safe 'custodie before this comittee to answer their 'said contempt. And the Sheriff of the said 'countie and all Justices of Peace Maio^rs^ Bayliffs 'Constables and all others his Ma^ts^ officers and 'loving subjects are required and hereby desired 'to be aiding and assistinge in the due execution 'hereof.'

It is only fair to say that in some cases the Committee, on the application of the accused clergy, allowed them and their witnesses 'all reasonable charges of their iourney being defrayed,' and in many cases granted delay after delay, till their patience was exhausted, to enable the accused to prepare their defence.

W. E. Foster, F.S.A.

Lindum House, Aldershot,
February, 1900.

THE PLUNDERED MINISTERS

OF

LINCOLNSHIRE

ALTHORPE.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 397.

August 31, 1646.

It is ordered that the Articles Exhibited against Jeremy Phillips Rector of Althorpe in the Isle of Axholme in the County of Lincoln (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed)[1] be referred to the Committee of Parliament for the said County or any three of them who are desired to receive the said Mr. Phillips' Answer to the said articles and to call before them and examine the Witnesses that shall be produced as well for proof of the said articles as for the said Mr. Phillips' defence and certify the

[1] No copy of these Articles has been preserved among the records.

said articles Answer and Examination to this Committee.

ALVINGHAM.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 102b.

Referred Francis Barkwith Minister of the word to the assembly for the Church of Alvingham County Lincoln to examine, &c. Prout, fol. 1.[1]

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 150b.

July 7, 1647.

Whereas the curacy of the parish church of Alvingham in the County of Lincoln is sequestered by the Committee of Parliament for the said county from Mr. Fetherstone Curate thereof under Sir Henry Rodby farmer of the impropriation thereof It is ordered that the said curacy shall from henceforth stand sequestered to the use of Francis Barkwith a godly and orthodox divine and that he do forthwith officiate the cure of the church and parish and preach diligently to the parishioners

[1] This form at fol. 1 of Add. MS. 15671 is as follows; it will in future be indicated by reference to this note thus —'see note, p. 2:'

'To examine the fitness of the said Mr..... to officiate the cure of the church of .. .. in the County of ..... and to certify the same and what trial they have had of his gifts and abilities particularly.'

there and that he shall have for his pains therein all houses tithes duties rents and profits commodities and advantages to the said curacy belonging till further order shall be taken in the premises. And all person and persons whatsoever are required quietly to permit the said Mr. Barkwith to officiate the said cure and to enter possess and enjoy have receive and take to his own use all duties rents profits commodities and advantages whatsoever belonging to the said curacy as they will answer the contrary at their peril.

AUNSBY.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 235.

June 20, 1646.

Upon the humble petition of Joane the wife of Samuel Furnes from whom the Rectory of Awnesby in the County of Lincoln is sequestered It is ordered that the said Mrs. Furnes shall have for and towards the maintenance of herself and her children the full clear 5th part of the tithes rents glebe lands and Easter books of the said Rectory (all taxes and charges first deducted out of the whole) until good cause be shown to the contrary the said Mr. Furnes and his wife yielding all due obedience to the

sequestrators. The examination of which cause (if there be any) this committee do refer to the committee of Parliament for the said county of Lincoln who are desired to hear the parties on both sides and call before them and examine the witnesses as well on behalf of the said cause as on behalf of the said Mrs. Furnes for the justifying of her and the said payment of the said 5th part and to determine the differences if they can or otherwise to certify the same to this Committee.

BAMBORO' (BAUMBURGH OR BAUMBER).

S. P., Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 300.

December 7, 1646.

By virtue of an order of both houses of Parliament of 2nd May last[1] it is ordered that the yearly sum of £36 per annum be paid out of the profits of the receipts of the impropriation

[1] This order as copied at the commencement of F. 2 is as follows :

'Die Sabbathi 2do May, 1646.

'Ordered by ye Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled that the moneys and allowances already ordered and appointed and to be appointed and ordered to be allowed to the several churches and chapels by the Committee of Plundered Ministers according to the powers given to the said committee be paid accordingly by the respective sequestrators from time to time until the houses take other order.'

of the rectory of Hainton in the County of Lincoln released and payable to Sir George Hennage Delinquent and from him sequestered to and for increase of the maintenance of the minister of the church of Bamboro in the County of Lincoln there being no certain allowance to the said church.

BARNOLDBY.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 208[b].

September 11, 1647.

Referred Robert Marshall Minister to the Assembly for the Church of Barnoldby County of Lincoln (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 220[b].

September 21, 1647.

Referred Edward Smith Minister to the Assembly for the Church of Barnoldby County of Lincoln to examine, &c. (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 226.

September 21, 1647.

Whereas the Rectory of the Church of Barnoldby in the County of Lincoln is sequestered by the Rt. Hon. Earl of Manchester

from Anthony Horwood It is ordered that the said Rectory shall from henceforth stand sequestered to the use of Edward Smith a Godly and orthodox divine and that he do forthwith officiate the cure of the said church and preach &c. Prout, fol. 1.[1]

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 252.

October 19, 1647.

It is ordered that Edward Smith to whom the Benefice of Barnoldby in the County of Lincoln is sequestered do make his appearance before this Committee on the 9th day of November next to answer to all such matters as shall be brought against him upon the petition and articles exhibited against him to this Committee by the parishioners of Barnoldby aforesaid whereof he is not to fail at his peril.

[1] This form at fol. 1 of Add. MS. 1571 is as follows; it will in future be indicated by reference to this note thus —'see note, p. 6:'

'And preach diligently to the parishioners there and he shall have for his pains therein the parsonage house and glebe lands and all the tithes rents duties and profits whatsoever of the said Rectory till further order shall be taken in the premises. And all person and persons are required quietly to permit the said Mr..... to officiate the said cure and to enter possess and enjoy the said house and glebe lands and to have receive and take to his own use all the tithes rents duties and profits whatsoever of the said rectory as they will answer the contrary at their peril.'

BARROWBY.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 466.

September 29, 1646.

It is ordered that John Drew BA be commended to the Curatship of Barrowby County of Lincoln if he shall be thought fit for it by the Assembly of Divines appointed for ordination of ministers and that they do ordain him for it.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 175.

August 17, 1647.

It is ordered that the reasons exhibited by Mr. John Drew to whom the Rectory of Barrowby in the County of Lincoln is sequestered why he should not pay to Mrs. Hurst the wife of Dr. Hurst[1] from whom the said Rectory

[1] Walker, in his 'Sufferings of the Clergy,' gives the following note concerning Thomas Hurst, D.D. :

'He was of the University of Cambridge and incorporated A.M. at Oxford 1623. He was turned out of his living in 1644 by the Earl of Manchester. Had been, at least, if he was not at the time of his sequestration, Chaplain to His Majesty. He was bitterly persecuted in the rebellion, imprisoned, plundered and had an estate of £500 a year some time under sequestration. He was also illtreated and abused in his person. His losses were computed at £10,000. It was in the year 1644 that he was turned out of his living, which was done by the Earl of Manchester, for neglect of cure, preaching against the Parliament, saying that "if this damnable work of reform went on 2 or 3 years longer, all

of Barrowby is sequestered the 5th part of the profits of the said Rectory be referred to Mountague Cholmeley, Edward Ellis, William Savile, William Bury, John Disney and William Thompson Esqrs of the Committee of Parliament for the said County or any three of them who are desired to examine the truth of the said reasons calling before them and examining parties and witnesses on both sides concerned and to certify the same to this Committee.

BARROWE IN BOROUGH.

S. P., Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 286.

December 7, 1646.

£40 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Borough sequestered from Archibald Hay Gent. Delinquent to minister of Barrowe County Lincoln the Vicarage whereof is worth but £30 p. a.

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ministers would become fellow commoners with Nebuchadnezzar," and comparing Essex, Fairfax, Waller and Cromwell with the four horns mentioned by the Prophet Daniel, adding that Cromwell was the great and terrible horn—which to me in truth looks somewhat prophetical. He lived to be restored, and died in the year 1674.'

BARTON SUPER HUMBER.

S. P., Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 308.

January 13, 1646-7.

£50 from Impropriate Rectory of Barton super Humber County Lincoln sequestered from Thomas Appleyard Esq. Delinquent to such minister as Committee shall approve of for St. Peter's in Town of Barton super Humber County Lincoln the Vicarage whereof is worth but £20 p. a. And the further sum of £50 p. a. out of same to such minister as Committee should approve of to officiate the cure of St. Mary's in Barton aforesaid the Vicarage whereof is worth but £20 p. a.

BASINGTHORPE CUM WESTBY.

S. P., Int. Reg. F. 1, *p.* 172.

August 19, 1646.

Twenty marks from Impropriate Rectory of Basingthorpe cum Westby County Lincoln sequestered from Sir Sutton Conny, Delinquent to Thomas Bearne Vicar of Parish Church of Basingthorpe cum Westby County Lincoln the Vicarage whereof is now worth but £60 p. a.

S. P., Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 323.

February 9, 1646-7.

Whereas this Committee have the 19th August last ordered that the yearly sum of 20 marks should be paid out of the Impropriate Rectory of Basingthorpe cum Westby County Lincoln sequestered from Sir Sutton Cony, Delinquent to and for increase of the maintenance of Thomas Bearne Vicar of the parish church of Basingthorpe cum Westby aforesaid the Vicarage whereof is worth but £60 p. a. It is ordered that the further yearly sum of £36 13 4 be paid out of the profits of the Impropriate Rectory of Siston in the said County sequestered from William Thorold Esq. Delinquent to and for the further increase of his maintenance.

BASSINGHAM.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 250.

June 27, 1646.

Referred Christopher Read Minister of the word to the Assembly for the cure of the Rectory of Bassingham in the County of Lincoln to examine &c. (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 251.

June 27, 1646.

It is ordered that the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln be desired to certify unto this Committee the cause wherefore they sequestered the Rectory of Bassingham in the said County from Mr. Stratford[1] together with a copy of their proceedings against him in the said cause with all convenient speed.

[1] Walker, in his 'Sufferings of the Clergy,' in his notice of Bassingham and Mr. Stratford, states :

'He had been vice-president of the College (Corpus Christi, Oxford), and was presented by the College to this living about the latter end of 1644 ; but he was soon after sequestrated from it, and one Reade, a cobbler's son, who had been maintained at Cambridge about ½ a year on charity, and then became an army-chaplain (though without any orders as is believed, either Episcopal or Presbyterian), was by the committee of Lincoln substituted in his room. Mr. Stratford, after his ejection from the rectory, applied himself to the usurper for his fifths, but could never obtain one farthing. Upon which he returned to the college, but was from there also ejected by the visitors ; after which he renewed his application to Mr. Reade for the fifths, but could by no means, after repeated endeavours, recover anything from him, although he had not one farthing to keep him from starving or falling to the parish, the one or the other of which must inevitably have been his fate had not he been sustained by the charity of some gentleman who supported him till the time of his death, which happened on the road betwixt Lincolnshire and Northampton as he was returning on foot from his living, whither he had made a fruitless journey to his merciless successor. He was a man of great piety and learning and an excellent mathematician.'

Add. M.S. 15670, *p.* 332.

August 4, 1646.

Whereas the Rectory of the Parish Church of Bassingham in the County of Lincoln is sequestered by order of the Committee of Parliament for the said County from Mr. Stratford for his delinquency it is ordered that the said Rectory shall stand sequestered from henceforth to the use of Christopher Read a godly and orthodox divine who is hereby required forthwith to officiate the cure of the said church as Rector and preach diligently &c. (see note, p. 6).

BECKER (BICKER).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 206.

June 10, 1646.

It is ordered that Richard Muston Minister of Becker in the County of Lincoln be referred to the Justices of Peace in the said County who are desired to be aiding unto him in his recovery of the tithes of the said Vicarage of the said Church according to the ordinance of Parliament in that behalf.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 89.

May 27, 1647.

Referred Thomas Fisher Minister to the Assembly for the Church of Bicker in Holland County of Lincoln to examine &c. (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 98.

June 29, 1647.

Whereas the Vicarage of the Parish Church of Bicker is and standeth sequestered by order of the Committee of the 17th of January 1644 to the use of Richard Maston a Godly and orthodox divine who hath since left the same and is settled in the Church of Laughton in the County of Leicester. It is ordered that the said vicarage shall from henceforth stand sequestered to the use of Thomas Fisher a Godly and orthodox divine and that he do forthwith officiate the cure of the said Church as vicar and preach &c. (see note, p. 6).

BIGBY AND SOMERBY.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 330.

August 4, 1646.

Ordered that the Rectory of Bigby in the County of Lincoln sequestered from .....

Howson by the Committee of Parliament for the said County for his malignancy against the Parliament shall stand sequestered to the use of Thos. Willesby Minister of the word &c.

Referred Thomas Willesby Minister &c. to the Assembly for the cure of the Church of Bigby in the County of Lincoln to examine &c. (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 332.

August 4, 1646.

Whereas the Rectory of the parish Church of Bigby in the County of Lincoln is sequestered from ..... Howson.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 131.

July 10, 1647.

Whereas the several benefices of Somerby and Bigby in the County of Lincoln are and stand sequestered from Mr. Howson and the said parish Churches are within ½ a mile of each other and the profits of both the said benefices are but a competent maintenance for a Minister to officiate there. It is ordered that upon the humble petition of the inhabitants of Somerby in the County of Lincoln aforesaid that the said Churches of Somerby and Bigby be united and stand sequestered to the use of

Mr. Thomas Willesby a Godly and orthodox divine who was the 20th of April 1647 ordained to the said Church of Bigby and that the said Mr. Willesby do preach and officiate to both the said parishes in the said several Churches and perform all pastoral services to the parishioners of the parishes in both their Churches and that he shall have for his pains therein all houses glebe lands tithes rents revenues and profits of both the Benefices till further order shall be taken in the premises and all person and persons are required quietly to permit the said Mr. Willesby to officiate the cure of both the said Churches and to enter possess and enjoy have receive and take to his own use all houses glebe lands tithes rents revenues and profits of both the said parishes as they will answer the same at their peril.

BILLINGHAY.

S. P., Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 227.

October 26, 1646.

£40 from Impropriate Rectory of Billinghay County Lincoln sequestered from Charles Dymoke Esq. Delinquent to minister of Chapel of Walcot within said parish of Billinghay said chapel being 1½ miles distant from said church and hath belonging to it about 150 inhabitants.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 221.

September 18, 1647.

It is ordered that William Wood Minister be referred to the Assembly for the Church of Billinghay County of Lincoln to examine &c. (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 225[b].

September 18, 1647.

Whereas the Vicarage of the Parish Church of Billinghay County of Lincoln is void by death and the same is in the gift of Mr. ..... Dymock delinquent it is ordered that William Wood a Godly and orthodox divine do from henceforth officiate the cure of the said parish church as vicar and preach &c. (see note, p. 6).

BINBROOK.

S. P., Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 242.

November 11, 1646.

£9 14 6 p. a. payable out of Town of Binbrooke County Lincoln to William Howson delinquent Prebendary of Cathedral Church of Lincoln and £30 p. a. out of Impropriate Rectory of Travelby[1] County Lincoln sequestered from Anthony Gibbon Delinquent to Robert Coggan Minister of Binbrooke aforesaid his present maintenance being but £30 p. a.

[1] Tealby, in Domesday Book called Tevelby.

BISCARTHORPE.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 2, p. 606.

November 13, 1650.

Whereas this Committee have on 18 July 1648 granted the yearly rent of £30 from Impropriate Rectories of Brough and Gresley County Lincoln sequestered from William Compton Delinquent to Mr. John Bourchier Vicar of parish of Biscarthor County Lincoln It is ordered that all arrears be paid and payment continued unto the said Mr. Bourchier according to act of present Parliament.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 2, p. 622.

April 4, 1651.

Reciting order of 18th July 1648.

Order that Committee for sequestrations for County Lincoln do pay unto said Mr. Bourchier £15 for ½ years rent due 25 March last and continue the payment of £30 p a. to him.

BOOTHBY IN THE PARTS OF KESTEVEN.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 185.

May 23, 1646.

Whereas the Rectory of the Parish Church of Boothby in the parts of Kesteven in the County of Lincoln is and standeth sequestered

by the Committee of Parliament for the said County from Edward Skipworth for his delinquency It is ordered that the said Rectory shall henceforth stand sequestered to the use of Francis Whittle a godly and orthodox divine who is hereby appointed forthwith to officiate the cure of the said church as Rector and preach diligently to the parishioners there And shall have for his pains therein the parsonage house and glebe lands and all the tithes rents duties and profits whatsoever of the said rectory till further order be taken in the premises And all person and persons whatsoever are hereby required quietly to permit him to officiate the said cure and to enter possess and enjoy the said house and glebe lands and to receive and take to his own use all the tithes rents duties and profits whatsoever of the said rectory as they will answer the contrary at their peril And in regard it is affirmed that by reason of his indisposition of body he the said Mr. Whittle cannot without hazard of his health travel to London This Committee do dispense with his attendance on the Assembly until the pleasure of this Committee be further known.

BOSTON.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 135.

July 16, 1647.

It is ordered that the petition of Matthew Davis Esq William Wanham and John Potterbrook Gent (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed[1]) be referred to any three of the Committee of Parliament sitting at Boston in the County of Lincoln who are desired to state the matter of fact therein contained hearing and examining parties and witnesses on all sides concerned and to report the same to this Committee.

BOURNE.

S. P. Int. Reg., *F.* 1, *p.* 167.

August 12, 1646.

Com Lincoln. Out of the Rectory of Heckington sequestered from Sir John Brooke to the Church of Bourne £50 p. a.

S. P. Int. Reg. F. 1, *p.* 171.

August 19, 1646.

£50 p. a. From Impropriate Rectory of Heckington County Lincoln sequestered from

[1] No copy with the records.

Sir John Brooke Delinquent to William Clarke Minister of the Parish Church of Bourne County Lincoln the vicarage whereof in the best times was worth but £30 p. a. And the Town of Bourne is a market town and very populous.

BOWDEN MAGNA.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 201.

April 29, 1646.

£50 yearly out of Impropriate Rectories of Great Easton Bringham and Drayton County Leicester sequestered from Sir Lewis Watson Delinquent to such minister as Committee shall approve of for Bowden Magna County Lincoln the present maintenance of minister being but £20 p. a.

BRACEBRIDGE.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 187.

May 30, 1646.

Upon the humble petition of Elizabeth the late wife of Jonathan Johnson from whom the vicarage of Brasbridge in the County of Lincoln is sequestered. It is ordered that the said Mr. Johnson shall have for and towards the maintenance of her and her children the

full clear 5th part of the tithes rents glebe lands and Easter books of the said vicarage from the Sequestration thereof (all taxes and charges first deducted out of the whole) unless good cause be shown to the contrary, the said Mr. Johnson and his wife yielding all due obedience to the said sequestrators. The examination of which cause (if there be any) this Committee doth refer to the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln who are desired to hear the parties on both sides therein and call before them and examine the witnesses that shall be produced as well for proof of the said cause as on the behalf of the said Mrs. Dame [*sic*] for the justifying of her and the said payments of the said 5th part and to determine the difference between them if they can or otherwise to refer the same to this Committee.

BURGH.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 188.

September 18, 1646.

Surplus of profits of Impropriate Rectory of Foston County Lincoln not yet disposed of not exceeding £50 p. a. sequestered from William Thorold Delinquent to such minister as Committee shall approve of to officiate the cure of

parish church of Burgh in said County the Vicarage whereof is worth but £12 5 8 p. a.

BURGH AND WINTHORPE.

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 512.

December 6, 1645.

It is ordered that the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln sitting at Boston be desired to receive the articles that shall be exhibited against Mr. Allen Vicar of Burgh in the said County and receive his answer thereunto and to call before them and examine witnesses that shall be produced as well for proof of the said articles as of the said Mr. Allen his defence and to certify the said articles answer and particular sayings of the said witnesses to this Committee.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 94[b].

March 21, 1645.

Whereas there are certain articles depending against William Allen Vicar of Burgh in the County of Lincoln who hath therefore freely and willingly yielded up and left the said vicarage to the disposal of this Committee. It is therefore ordered by the consent of the said Mr. Allen that the said vicarage shall stand sequestered from him to the use of some godly

and orthodox divine. And the Committee of Parliament sitting at Boston are desired to appoint sequestrate and collect the profits of the said Vicarage and premises for the cure of the church of Burgh till the pleasure of this Committee be further known.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 377.

August 20, 1646.

Upon consideration had of the Certificate of the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln sitting at Boston concerning the impropriate rectories of Burgh and Winthorpe in the said County. It is ordered that the Bishop of Lincoln Impropriator of the rectory of Burgh and Winthorpe aforesaid both united and the guardian of Francis Goswell and Ann Goswell, infants, tenants of the said Rectory do show cause before this Committee on the 2nd day of September next wherefore there should not be a competent maintenance allowed out of the profits of the said Rectory for the Minister of the said Churches whereof the said Bishop is to have convenient notice.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 283.

December 16, 1646.

£16 to be paid out of the rent reserved to Bishop of Lincoln out of Impropriate Rectory of

Burgh and Winthorpe County Lincoln and the further sum of £34 out of Impropriate Rectory of Heckington in said County sequestered from Sir John Brookes Kt to such minister as Committee should appoint to Winthorpe.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 132[b].

July 14, 1647.

Upon complaint made by the inhabitants of Burgh and Winthorpe in the County of Lincoln that the Committee of Lincoln not sitting they can obtain no fruits of the order of this committee of the 16 December 1646 whereby an augmentation is granted out of the rent of the said Rectories of Burgh and Winthorpe reserved to the Bishop of Lincoln to their vicarage. This Committee do therefore desire the three next Justices of Peace or any two of them to appoint sequestrators to gather or receive the said augmentation and pay the same from time to time to the said ministers according to the purport of the said orders.

BURGH (BROUGH) UPON THE BAIN.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 230.

October 26, 1646.

Whereas the Vicarage of Brough upon the Bane is worth but £20 a year whereby John

Nuttall Vicar thereof a godly and orthodox divine is destitute of a competent subsistence for his encouragement and enabling him to officiate the cure of the said church. And whereas the Rectory of Wickham in the said County being but a mile distant from the said church of Burgh is sequestered from the former Incumbent and in the best times is worth but £16 a year, and the said parish consists of one house only ordered that the said Rectory and the profits thereof shall stand sequestered to the use of the said Mr. Nuttall and that the same be united to the said church of Burgh upon the Bane for his better maintenance and encouragement and that the further yearly sum of £24 be allowed and paid him out of the Impropriate Rectory of Haynton in the said County sequestered from George Hennage Delinquent.

CANTHORPE (CAYTHORPE).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 23[b].

January 24, 1645.

Whereas Mr. Jonathan Boole hath referred his petition to this Committee to be authorised to officiate the cure of the church of Canthorpe in the County of Lincoln sequestered from Charles Harrington until he shall be ordained

thereto there being for the present no way settled by Parliament for ordination of ministers, for that the ability piety, and godly conversation of the said Mr. Boole is largely certified to this Committee as well from the Committee of Parliament for the said County as from divers ievered and godly divines and others of known worth. It is ordered that the said Mr. Boole shall officiate the said cure and Rectory and preach diligently to the parishioners there and shall have for his pains therein the parsonage house glebe land tithes rents revenues and profits of the said Rectory until there shall be a way settled by Parliament for ordination of ministers and the pleasure of this Committee be further known. And all person and persons are accordingly required quietly to permit the said Mr. Boole to officiate the said cure and to enter possess and enjoy the said house and land tithes rents and profits of the said Rectory as they will answer the contrary at their peril.

CLAXBY AND NORMANBY.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 32.

May 24, 1647.

Upon information that Theophilus Hinchcliff, Minister of Claxby and Normanby County

of Lincoln against whom articles of scandal are now depending in the paper for hearing, hath relinquished the said Church to avoid the hearing of the said cause. It is ordered that no minister be admitted into the said Church till the said cause be heard.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 91[b].

June 29, 1647.

It is ordered that the resignation of the benefice of Claxby and Normanby in the County of Lincoln now made by Thomas Hinchcliffe be admitted, and he be discharged from the said Church and the sequestration thereof.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 91[b].

June 29, 1647.

It is ordered that the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln do and they are hereby desired to appoint sequestrators to provide for the service of the cure of the Church of Claxby and Normanby in the said County and collect gather and receive the tithes rents duties and profits of the Rectory thereof sequestered from Mr. Holder[1] and therewith satisfy such person and persons as they shall from time to time so provide to serve the said

[1] *Sic.*

cure for and during the space of 3 months now next ensuing.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 113[b].

July 8, 1647.

Referred William Wilcocks Minister to the assembly for the cure of Claxby and Normanby.

COCKERINGTON MARY.

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 115.

April 24, 1645.

Ordered that the order of the Committee of Parliament for the County of Huntingdon (*sic*) enabling Henry Hudlestone Minister of the word to officiate the cure of the Church of Cockerington Mary in the County of Lincoln be confirmed. Referred Henry Hudlestone to the Assembly for the said place to examine &c. (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 119.

April 24, 1645.

Whereas Henry Hudleston Minister of the word is by order of the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln appointed to officiate the cure of the Church of Cockerington Mary in the said County destitute of a preaching Minister the same being impropriate to the

Bishop of Lincoln. This Committee do hereby confirm the order and do authorise and appoint the said . . . Hudleston to continue to officiate the said cure and to preach diligently to the parishioners of the said parish and all person and persons are required quietly to permit the said Mr. Hudlestone to officiate the said cure as aforesaid at their peril.

COLSTERWORTH.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 44[b].

February 24, 1645-6.

Ordered that the Rectory of Colsterworth in the County of Lincoln void by the death of Mr. *Huet*[1] and in the gift of Dr. Hide now at Oxon shall stand sequestered to the use of Francis Browne Minister of the Word.

Referred Francis Browne Minister &c. to the assembly to be examined.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 46[b].

February 24, 1645-6.

Whereas the Rectory of the parish church of Colsterworth in the County of Lincoln is become void by the death of Mr. *Hewett*[1] late Incumbent of the said Rectory and the same is in the

[1] *Sic* in original.

gift of Dr. Hyde now at Oxford It is ordered that the same shall stand sequestered to the use of Francis Browne a godly and orthodox divine who is hereby required forthwith to officiate the cure there &c. and preach diligently (see note, p. 6).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 34.

May 28, 1647.

Upon complaint made by Mr. Browne to whom the Rectory of Colsterworth in the County of Lincoln is sequestered that Mr. Queene from whom the same is sequestered doth notwithstanding the said sequestration detain the possession of the said parsonage house from him It is ordered that the said Mr. Queene do forthwith deliver and yield up to the said Mr. Browne the quiet and peaceable possession of the said parsonage house or do make his personal appearance before this Committee on the 10th day of June next to answer the said contempt.

CORRINGHAM.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 294.

December 7, 1646.

£20 from Impropriate Rectory of Coringham County Lincoln sequestered from Sir Edward

Hussey Kt. Delinquent to minister of parish church of Coringham aforesaid the Rectory there being worth but £80 p. a.

COWBITT.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 5b.

May 8, 1647.

It is ordered that the articles exhibited against Gregory French Minister of Cowbitt in the County of Lincoln (a copy whereof is annexed[1]) be referred to the Committee of Parliament for the said County or any three of them who are desired to receive the said Mr. French his answer to the said articles and to call before them and examine such Witnesses as shall be produced as well for proof of the said Articles as of the said Mr. French his defence and to certify the said Articles, Answer and Examinations to this Committee.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 258b.

October 25, 1647.

This Committee do appoint to hear the articles and examinations transmitted from the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln concerning Gregory French Minister

[1] Not with the records.

of Cowbitt in the said County on the 16th day of November next whereof the said Mr. French is to have convenient notice.

DEEPING (MARKET).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 82.

March 14, 1645-6.

Whereas Thomas Redman Minister of the word hath complained to this Committee that being settled in the sequestration of the church of Market Deeping in the County of Lincoln he was plundered of his order of sequestration by the King's forces and kept prisoner at Newark whereby and since his release therefrom he hath been enforced to absent himself from his people and now returning home hath petitioned that he may be confirmed in the said church and sequestration thereof. And whereas it is alleged against the said Mr. Redman that he hath a long time neglected them and it is therefore prayed on behalf of divers of the parishioners of the said parish that another man may be settled in his stead in the sequestration of the said church and the rectory thereof which they acknowledge he has had, for it is also by them confessed that the said

Mr. Redman is most godly and orthodox, and it appeareth that he could not with safety return there till the reducing of Belvoire to which the said Rectory was near. This Committee do therefore confirm the said Mr. Redman in the said Rectory and the sequestration thereof and do appoint him to officiate the cure of the said Church and to enjoy the said parsonage house and glebe lands and to have receive and take to his own use all the tithes and profits of the said Rectory accordingly.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 201.

June 6, 1646.

It is this day ordered that the petition of Mr. Readman to whom the parsonage of Market Deeping in the County of Lincoln is sequestered (a copy whereof is herewith annexed)[1] be referred to the Committee for the said County who are desired to examine the truth thereof hearing all parties therein concerned and to certify the same to this Committee. And the Committee are likewise desired to keep and maintain the said Mr. Readman in the quiet possession of the said Rectory.

[1] Not with the records.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 230.

June 20, 1646.

Upon the humble petition of Isabelle the wife of Paul Prestland from whom the Rectory of Market Deeping in the County of Lincoln is sequestered It is ordered that the said Mrs. Prestland shall have for and towards the maintenance of her and her children the full clear 5th part of all the tithes rents glebe lands and Easter books of the said Rectory (all charges and taxes first deducted out of the whole) unless good cause be shown to the contrary the said Mr. Prestland and his wife yielding all due obedience to the said sequestrators. The examination of which cause (if there be any) this Committee do refer to the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln or any 3 or more of them who are desired to hear the parties on both sides therein And to call before them and examine the witnesses that shall be produced as well for proof of the said cause as on behalf of the said Mrs. Prestland for the justifying of her and of the said payment of the said 5th part And to determine the differences between them if they can or otherwise to certify the same to this Committee together with the value of the said living. And the said Committee are further desired to

enquire by what right Dr. Redman holdeth the said Rectory and by what right Philip Thorpe did heretofore sequester the profits of the said Rectory and to take his account as well of the profits by him received as of his disbursements thereof. And in case the said living appear to be duly and justly sequestered then to inform themselves of the value of the said living and of the arrears due before the said sequestration and to see the said arrears paid unto the said Mrs. Prestland.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 79.

June 18, 1647.

Upon complaint made to this Committee that Paull Prestland from whom the Rectory of Market Deeping is sequestered doth notwithstanding the said sequestration intrude himself into the several parish churches to preach and officiate there, contrary to the order of the House of Commons of the 15th of March last, and doth thereby and in combination with several disaffected persons raise parties and factions to the discouragement and hindrance of any Minister to accept of the said sequestration. This Committee do hereby by virtue of the said order of the 15th of March prohibit the said Mr. Prestland from any further preaching

or officiating in any Church or Chapel whatsoever residing in or from going to the said parish of Market Deeping aforesaid in default whereof it is ordered that he make his appearance before this Committee within 10 days after notice to show cause to the contrary. And it is further ordered that the Petition exhibited against him by the inhabitants of Market Deeping aforesaid (a copy whereof is annexed) be referred to any two of the Committee of Parliament for the said County who are desired to examine the matter of fact therein contained and to certify the same to this Committee.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 146[b].

July 19, 1647.

Upon information that the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln sitteth not, whereby the order of the 18 June last referring the petition exhibited against Mr. Prestland from whom the rectories of Market Deeping in the said County (of Lincoln) is sequestered to any two of the said Committee cannot be executed This Committee do refer the said petition (a copy whereof is annexed)[1] to William Savin Esq., Sir Thomas Trollopp, Captain Thompson, Mr. Bury and Mr. Mills

[1] This is not with the record.

members of the said Committee or any two of them who are desired to examine the matter of fact according to the purport of the said order of reference and to certify the same to this Committee.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 194[b].

August 27, 1647.

Upon complaint made to this Committee that divers turbulent persons in a riotous and tumultuous manner had violently opposed and assaulted Mr. Maplesdene to whom the rectory of Market Deeping in the County of Lincoln is sequestered in the execution of the said sequestration, entering upon the said Rectory and the profit thereof. It is ordered that the Sheriff of the said County and all Justices of Peace, Deputy Lieutenants, and Committee of Parliament of the said County or any two of them do take some speedy and effectual course for the relief of the said Mr. Maplesdene against all person and persons that have or shall oppose or disturb him in his executing and enjoyment of the fruit of the order of sequestration of this Committee, and to take unto their assistance such forces and other help as shall be needful in the premises according to

the ordinance of Parliament of the 23rd August inst in that behalf.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 204.

September 8, 1647.

Upon information that Mr. Maplesdene to whom the Rectory of Market Deeping is sequestered is also Incumbent of West Deeping in the said County and of Downham in the County of Cambridge, every one of the said benefices having cure of souls. It is ordered that the said Mr. Maplesdene do make his election before this Committee on the 20th day of October next which of the said benefices he will adhere unto and which of them he will relinquish.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 246[b].

October 14, 1647.

Whereas Mr. Maplesdene to whom the rectory of Market Deeping in the County of Lincoln is sequestered hath in pursuance of the order of the 8th of September 1647 made his election to adhere to the said Rectory of Deeping and relinquisheth the Rectory of Downham in the County of Cambridge having formerly resigned the Rectory of West Deeping in the county of

Lincoln this Committee admit of the said election and do therefore discharge him from the said Rectory and cure of the said churches of Downham and West Deeping, and for that the said Mr. Maplesdene complaineth that he is still oppressed and disturbed in his quiet possession and enjoyment of the said parsonage house of Market Deeping by Mr. Prestland from whom the said Rectory of Market Deeping is sequestered and his wife. This Committee do hereby desire and require the Sheriff of the said County and all Justices of Peace Deputy Lieutenants and Committees of Parliament of the said County to be assistant from time to time to the said Mr. Maplesdene in his quiet possession and enjoyment of the said parsonage house glebe and profits against the said Mr. Prestland and his wife and all other persons that shall oppose his said possession taking to their assistance such forces within the said County as they shall consider needful for the due execution thereof according to the ordinance of Parliament of the 23rd of August last.

DUNHOLME.

S. P. Int. Reg., *F.* 1, *p.* 241.

November 4, 1646.

£50 p. a. out of Impropriate Rectory of Billinghay County Lincoln sequestered from Chas Dymoke Esq to Minister of parish church of Dunholme in said County the Vicarage thereof being worth but 20 marks p. a.

DUNSTON.

S. P. Int. Reg., *F.* 1, *p.* 324.

February 9, 1646-7.

£20 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Notton County Lincoln sequestered from Charles Towneley Papist and Delinquent and £30 from Impropriate Rectory of Cranwell County Lincoln sequestered from William Thorold Delinquent to such minister as committee should approve of for parish church of Dunston County Lincoln the vicarage whereof is not worth above £14.

FOSTON.

S. P. Int. Reg., *F.* 1, *p.* 177.

September 2, 1646.

£50 from Impropriate Rectory of Foston County Lincoln sequestered from Sir William

Thorold Delinquent to such Minister as Committee shall approve for church of Foxton aforesaid the Vicarage whereof in the best times is worth but £20 p. a.

FRISKNEY.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 35[b].

May 28, 1647.

Referred Henry Huddlestone[1] to the Assembly of divines for the cure of Friskney County of Lincoln to examine &c. (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 56.

June 12, 1647.

Whereas upon information that the Vicarage of Friskney County of Lincoln is sequestered from Hamond Bantree this Committee did the 28th May last refer Henry Huddlestone Minister of the Word to the Assembly of Divines to examine his fitness to officiate the cure of the church of Friskney aforesaid and to certify the same to this Committee with his gifts and abilities particularly and the said Mr. Ban-

[1] Walker states: 'His temporal estate was also put under sequestration, for which he was forced to compound at £148 12s. 3d. Ant. Graves was presented to this living in 1654.'

tree now complains that he was unduly sequestered and is thereupon upon his appeal before the Committee of Lords and Commons for sequestrations against the said sequestration and therefore prayeth that no disposition may be made thereof till the said cause be heard by them It is ordered that the Committee of Parliament at Lincoln or any two of them do and they are hereby desired to certify unto this Committee the causes for which the said Vicarage was sequestered from him together with their opinion of the said Mr. Bantree and the said Order of Reference is in the meantime suspended.

FULBECK.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 42[b].

February 17, 1645-6.

Ordered that the Rectory of Fulbeck in the County of Lincoln sequestered from Dove Williamson by the Committee for the said County for his delinquency shall stand sequestered to the use of Tristram Hincliffe minister of the word Referred him to the Assembly to examine (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 43.

February 20, 1645-6.

Whereas the Rectory of the Parish of Fulbeck in the County of Lincoln is sequestered from Dove Williamson by the Committee of Parliament for the said County for his delinquency It is ordered that Tristram Hincliffe a godly and orthodox divine do and he is hereby required forthwith to officiate the cure of the said Church as Rector and preach diligently to the Parishioners there (see note, p. 6).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 236.

October 4, 1647.

The Committee have taken into consideration the petition of Tristram Hincliffe to whom the Rectory of Fulbeck in the County of Lincoln is sequestered against William Sparrow Thomas Grimshaw and John Newcome for their refusing to pay to the said Mr. Hincliffe the tithes of the said Rectory from them due to him it is prayed by the Counsel of the said parties that the said parties may have day given them to be heard therein. It is therefore ordered that the said William Sparrow Thomas Grimshaw and John Newcome do pay their said tithes to the said Mr. Hincliffe or show cause to the contrary on

the 12th day of this inst October whereof the said parties are hereby to take notice.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 244.

October 12, 1647.

Upon hearing the cause alleged by the parishioners of Fulbeck in the County of Lincoln why they should not pay their tithes unto Mr. Tristram Hincliffe to whom the benefice of Fulbeck aforesaid is sequestered This Committee are no way satisfied why they should not pay the same And do therefore order them forthwith to pay their tithes unto the said Mr. Hincliffe and in particular William Sparrow Thomas Grimshaw and John Newcome are required to pay the tithe from them due to the said Mr. Hincliffe by the second day of November next In default whereof it is ordered that the serjeant at arms of the said House of Commons or his deputy or deputies do take them the said William Sparrow Thomas Grimshaw and John Newcome in safe custody to answer their said contempt.

GAINSBOROUGH.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 136.

August 5, 1646.

£50 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Stow County Lincoln sequestered from Sir Edward Hussey Kt. Delinquent to minister of Parish Church of Gainsborough County Lincoln a market town and the parish thereof consisted of 3,000 communicants and the Vicarage thereof being worth but £40 p. a.

GARNTHORPE.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 333.

March 12, 1646.

£50 p. a. out of Impropriate Rectory of Barton upon Humber sequestered from Philip Turner Delinquent to such minister as Committee should approve of to administer Cure of Garnthorpe the previous minister having but 20 marks p. a.

GAYTON-ON-THE-WOLD.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 355.

April 6, 1647.

Whereas Committee 1 February last ordered yearly sum of £50 should be paid out of Impropriate Rectory of Girsby within parish of Burgh upon the Baynn County Lincoln which was sequestered from Mr. Compton Rector to Henry Robbins minister of parish church of Gayton on the Wold in said County the present maintenance belonging to said church not being above £30 p. a. for that the profits of said Impropriation are since by order of 17 March last otherwise disposed of And the said Mr. Robbins is therefore content to waive the said Grant It is therefore on Mr. Robbins' petition ordered that the former order be discharged and that in lieu thereof the yearly sum of £30 be paid out of the profits of the Impropriate Rectory of Ormesby in the said County sequestered from John Smith Delinquent and the further yearly sum of £30 be paid out of the Impropriate Rectory of Little Grimsby in said County sequestered from Mr. Aprile Recusant to said Henry Robbins for his officiating the cure of the Church of Gayton upon the Wold aforesaid.

GEDNEY.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 350.

My Lord of Manchester's order for settling the parsonage and Vicarage of Gedney.

Whereas Mr. William Howe Minister of Gedney in the County of Lincoln hath attended the Assembly of Divines by my direction and they having examined his abilities and sufficiency I do therefore according to ordinance of Parliament and upon the humble request of the parishioners of Gedney aforesaid Authorise and appoint the said Mr. William Howe to officiate and exercise the office of Minister and to preach and catechize there And I do likewise authorize the said Mr. William Howe or such as he shall appoint to take into his possession the parsonage house glebe lands and vicarage there And from henceforth to demand receive and take up of the parishioners of Gedney all such tithes profits immunities and rents as are or shall be due and belonging to the said parsonage and Vicarage there in as ample manner as any other heretofore received and enjoyed the same. Hereby requiring all officers and soldiers in tne County of Lincoln, and all chief constables petty constables or other His Majesty's

officers to be aiding and assisting to you for the taking up and receiving of the said tithes and profits in case they be refused by the parishioners of Gedney aforesaid And for so doing these presents shall be your and their warrant Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of March 1643/4.

(Signed) MANCHESTER.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 350.

A COPY OF THE ORDER FOR THE 5TH PART.

Whereas certain articles have been exhibited unto and proved upon oath before the committee for examination of scandalous ministers within the County of Lincoln for many misdemeanours committed by Dr. Weemes Parson of Gedney in the said County of Lincoln whereupon I have ejected him out of his said parsonage and have appointed sequestrators to receive the tithes and profits thereof. And whereas Jane Weemes wife of the said Dr. Weemes hath by her petition desired to have some maintenance for herself and children out of the tithes and profits thereof I do therefore according to ordinance of Parliament order and appoint that the said Mrs. Weemes shall be paid the 5th part of the value of the said

parsonage of Gedney as the value thereof shall be certified to be upon the oaths of credible witnesses before the committee of the said county of Lincoln which said 5th part shall be paid by the sequestrators or others that do receive and enjoy the said profits and tithes thereof quarterly the 1st payment thereof at Michaelmas next or within one and twenty days thereof and so continue for and during the life of the said Dr. Weemes And I do hereby require the sequestrators and others that receive the tithes and profits thereof that they pay the said 5th part accordingly as I have hereby appointed which if in case they refuse to do I do then order the sequestration thereof to be void. Given under my hand and seal the 9th day of September 1644.

(Signed) MANCHESTER.

GOSBERKIRK (GOSBERTON).

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 503.

July 28, 1645.

Resolved upon the question &c. that the yearly sum of £46 of lawful money shall be paid out of the revenue of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln to the Parish Church of Gosberkirk in the said County by Mr. Car or

the tenant for the time being for the increase of maintenance of Mr. Henry Golding the Minister there not amounting to above 20 marks.

GRANTHAM.

(GRANTHAM, SPITTLEGATE, MANTHORPE, HARROWBY.)

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 170.

June 20, 1646.

Whereas the several Townships of Grantham Spittlegate Manthorpe and Harrowby in the County of Lincoln are all within the cure of the Church of the Boro' of Grantham to which there also belongeth the churches of Gormerby Londonthorpe and Brasby. And the said cure of all the aforesaid Towns and parishes have been usually supplied by two vicars notwithstanding there is a church in the said Town of Gormerby which is one mile distant from the said church of Grantham and the inhabitants within the said Church are very many and the maintenance of both the said vicars did not in the best times exceed £80 p. a. It is therefore ordered that the yearly sum of £50 be paid unto each of the said Vicars for increase of their maintenance out of the profits of the prebendary of and belonging to the Cathedral

Church of Salisbury lying within the aforesaid parishes and out of the profits of the Impropriate Rectories of Witham, Hough Montem (or Havrington) super Minten sequestered from Dr. Hinchman Mr. Michall Sir Robert Tredway and Sir Edward Hussey Delinquents And the sequestrators are ordered to pay &c. And it is further ordered that the yearly sum of £10 be paid out of said Prebendary and Impropriate Rectories for the maintenance of a godly and orthodox minister to preach and officiate the said Church of Gonnerby.

HALL (HALE).

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 345.

March 25, 1646.

£50 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Soareby at Shepwicke and Kirkely and Preene County Lincoln sequestered by Sir William Witherington delinquent to such minister as Committee should appoint to parish church of Hall County Lincoln said church not being worth 40 marks.

HARLAXTON.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 193.

August 26, 1647.

Upon complaint of Richard Northam Minister of the Word that being settled by ordinance of Parliament in the year 1646 in the Rectory of Harlaxton void by death of the former incumbent one Mr. Hide hath since intruded into the said Rectory and taken possession of the said Church and requireth possession of the said Parsonage house It is ordered that the said Mr. Hide do make his appearance before this Committee on the 14th day of September next to answer the premises whereof he is not to fail at his peril.

HARPSWELL.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 316.

February 3, 1646-7.

£50 from Impropriated Rectory of Harpswell County Lincoln sequestered from Edward Whithrott Esq. Delinquent over and above the smaller tithes of the said Rectory worth but 20 marks p. a. to Hamond Bulcocke minister of parish church of Harpswell aforesaid.

HEALING.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 358.

August 13, 1646.

Upon the humble petition of Jane the Wife of Lawrence Corbett from whom the Rectory of Healing in the County of Lincoln is sequestered It is ordered that the said Mrs. Corbett shall have for and towards the maintenance of her and her children the full clear 5th part of all the tithes rents glebe lands and Easter book of the said Rectory (all taxes and charges first deducted out of the whole) unless good cause in writing be shown to the contrary before the Committee of Parliament of the said county the said Mr. Corbett and his wife yielding all due obedience to the said sequestration The examination of which cause this Committee do refer to the said Committee or any three of them who are desired to hear the parties on both sides therein and to call before them and examine the witnesses that shall be produced as well for proof of the said cause as on the behalf of the said Mrs. Corbett for the justifying of her and the said payment of the said 5th part and to determine the differences between them if they can or otherwise to certify to this Committee the whole business with their opinion therein.

HOGTHORP (HOGSTHORPE).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 95.

March 21, 1645.

It is ordered that the Committee of Parliament sitting at Boston in the County of Lincoln be desired to receive the Articles that shall be exhibited against Mr. Bennett Vicar of Hogthorp in the said County and receive his answer thereto and to call before them and examine the witnesses that shall be produced as well for proof of the said Articles as of the said Mr. Bennett his defence and to certify the same to this Committee.

HOLBEACH.

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 198.

July 5, 1645.

Whereas it is now proved before this Committee that John Ballendine Vicar of the parish church of Holbeach in the County of Lincoln hath adhered to the forces raised against the Parliament and hath been twice taken prisoner at war It is ordered that he be summoned to answer the same on the 14th of August next and that the same shall in the mean time stand sequestered to the use of Mr. John Pymlowe a

Godly and orthodox divine. Referred John Pymlowe Minister of the word to the Assembly to be examined for the said Vicarage and Church of Holbeach in the County of Lincoln.

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 503.

July 28, 1645.

Resolved upon the question &c That it be reported to the house that the yearly rent of £47. 13. 4 payable by the Right Hon Edward Lord Gorges Farmer of the Rectory of Holbeach unto the Bishop of Lincoln and now under Sequestration shall be paid unto Mr. Pimlow Minister of the parish church of Holbeach aforesaid consisting of 1000 Communicants for an increase of his maintenance there.

HORBLING.

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 398.

November 8, 1645.

It is ordered that the Committee of the Parliament for the County of Lincoln be and they are hereby desired to certify to this Committee the examinations by them taken in the cause concerning Mr. Flower Minister of Horbling in the County of Lincoln together with his

defence to the articles against him. And the Committee of Parliament for the County of Northampton are hereby desired to examine the articles that shall be exhibited before them concerning the said Mr. Flower and to take his defence thereto and the examinations of the witnesses that he shall proffer and report thereon to this Committee.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 160[b].

May 5, 1646.

Ordered that the cause concerning Mr. Low Minister of Horbling in the County of Lincoln be adjourned till Tuesday next to be heard the first of the said day for that the prosecutors of the said cause against him made default in case they shall not then attend this Committee will proceed in their absence.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 314.

February 3, 1646.

£50 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Wellingore County Lincoln sequestered from Gilbert Atkinson delinquent to minister to be approved of for parish church of Horbling County Lincoln.

HORNCASTLE.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 214.

October 7, 1646.

£50 p. a. from rent reserved to Bishop of Carlisle out of Impropriate Rectory of Horne Castle County Lincoln to parish church of Horne Castle aforesaid the same being a great Market Town and the present maintenance belonging to the said church being but £60 p. a. at the best times and now much impaired.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 105[b].

July 7, 1647.

Whereas the Rectory of Horncastle in the County of Lincoln is sequestered by order of the Rt. Hon the Earl of Manchester from Thomas Gibson,[1] and George Wright and

[1] There is a long notice of Mr. Gibson in Walker's 'Sufferings,' p. 252. By it he seems to have been a learned person, and to have been master of the Grammar Schools at Carlisle and Newcastle, and preferred to the living of Horncastle by the Bishop of Carlisle. He became obnoxious to the Parliamentarian party by a sermon he preached in 1640. He was sent prisoner to Hull in 1643, and afterwards to the County Gaol at Lincoln, till he was exchanged for a Presbyterian minister at Newark. In 1644 he was ordered to be plundered by the Governor of Boston, but was saved by John Lilburn, who had been his scholar, and pronounced him to be a good and godly man; but after he was taken prisoner

Francis Hanson were appointed sequestrators to provide for the service of the cure of the said Church and collect the profits of the said rectory and satisfy such as should serve the said cure. It is ordered that the said Geo Wright and Francis Hanson do continue sequestrators to provide for the service of the cure of the said Church and to collect gather and receive the tithes rents duties and profits of the said Rectory with the arrears thereof and therewith to satisfy such person and persons as they shall from time to time provide to officiate the said cure for 3 months next ensuing and such person and persons as have officiated the said cure since the said sequestration.

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to Boston, and his house plundered, then or some time afterwards sent to Lincoln Gaol, afterwards to Tattishall Castle for seventeen weeks, during which time he was sequestrated, the sentence being passed August 7, 1644. He lived next in a *mean* house a mile from Horncastle, with his wife and six children, taking a few scholars. At length he had the free school at Newark, whence two years afterwards Lady Carr presented him to the Sleaford School. He died in the year 1674, aged eighty-four years, having been restored to the Horncastle living on Charles II. being King.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 112.

July 10, 1647.

Upon complaint made by the Parishioners of Horncastle in the County of Lincoln that Thomas Gibson from whom the Rectory of Horncastle aforesaid is sequestered does notwithstanding the said sequestration and in contempt thereof prohibit the parishioners of the said parish from payment of their tithes unto the sequestrators of the said Rectory and seizeth on them himself It is ordered that the said Thomas Gibson do make his appearance before this Committee on the 30th of this inst. fully to answer the premises And the parishioners of the said parish are required and hereby enjoined to pay unto the said sequestrators all tithes and profits of the said Rectory from them respectively due notwithstanding the claims and pretence of the said Mr. Gibson thereunto and he is hereby prohibited from any further intermeddling with the profits of the said Rectory or of any of them whereof he is not to fail at his peril.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 210.

September 11, 1647.

This Committee have taken into consideration the petition of the Parishioners of Horncastle and do order that upon Mr. Gibson from whom the benefice of Horncastle aforesaid is sequestered and his wife's submitting to the order of sequestration that then a fifth part of the profits of the said benefice shall be paid unto her.

IRNHAM.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 182.

May 28, 1646.

It is ordered that the Committee of the Assembly of divines for examination of Ministers be and they are hereby required to examine the fitness and learning of John Willowes Minister of the word to officiate the cure of the church of Irnham in the County of Lincoln and to certify the same and what trial they have of his gifts and abilities particularly and if they know or have been informed of any other just exception against him to certify the same also.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 192.

May 28, 1646.

Whereas the Rectory of the parish church of Irnham in the County of Lincoln is sequestered from Mr. Chappell by the Committee of the said County It is ordered that the same shall stand henceforth sequestered to John Willowes a godly and orthodox divine and the said Mr. Willowes is hereby required forthwith to officiate the cure of the said church and to preach diligently to the Parishioners there who shall have &c. (see note, p. 6).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 318.

July 27, 1646.

Upon the humble petition of Elizabeth the wife of John Chappell from whom the Rectory of Irnham in the County of Lincoln is sequestered It is ordered that the said Mrs. Chappell shall have for and towards the maintenance of her and her children the full and clear 5th part of all the tithes rents glebe lands and Easter Book of the said Rectory (all taxes and charges first deducted out of the whole) unless good cause in writing be shown to the contrary before the Committee of Parliament for the

said County the said Mr. Chappell and his wife yielding all due obedience to the said sequestrators The examination of which cause (if there be any) this Committee do refer to the said Committee or any 3 of them who are desired to hear the parties on both sides therein and to call before them and examine the Witnesses that shall be produced as well for proof of the said cause as on behalf of the said Mrs. Chappell for the justifying of her and the payment of them of the said 5th part and to determine the differences between them if they can or otherwise to certify to this Committee the whole business together with their opinions concerning the same.

KELSEY (SOUTH) ST. MARY.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 380.

August 25, 1646.

Referred Daniel Hunton Minister to the Assembly for the cure of the church of Mary South Kelsey in County of Lincoln to examine &c. (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 383.

August 25, 1646.

Whereas the Rectory of the Parish Church of Mary South Kelsey in the County of Lincoln is sequestered by the Right Hon. the Earl of Manchester from Henry Bates, it is ordered that the said Rectory shall from henceforth stand sequestered to the use of Mr. Daniel Hunton a Godly and orthodox divine who is hereby required forthwith to officiate the cure of the said Church as Rector and preach diligently to the parishioners there and shall have for his pains therein the parsonage house &c. (see note, p. 6).

N.B.—Another copy of this entry occurs in Add. MS. 15670, p. 406.

KIRTON.

S. P. Int. Reg., *F.* 1, *p.* 170.

August 12, 1646.

£50 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Kirton County Lincoln sequestered from Dr. Newell sub-dean of Cathedral of Lincoln to such minister as Committee should appoint to parish church of Kirton aforesaid the same being a market town and the Vicarage thereof being worth but £20 p. a.

KIRTON IN HOLLAND.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 357.

March 17, 1646-7.

£50 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Louth County Lincoln sequestered from Dr. Wilson Delinquent to Mr. John Payne the elder Minister of the parish church of Kirton in Holland County Lincoln the Vicarage whereof is worth but about £40 p. a. and the said parish consisting of about 800 communicants.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 2, *p.* 456.

March 17, 1646.

£50 from Impropriate Rectory of Louth County Lincoln sequestered from Dr. Wilson Delinquent ordered to be paid for increase of maintenance of Mr. John Pue the elder Minister of the parish church of Kirton in Holland in said County the Vicarage whereof is worth about £5 p. a. and the said parish consisting of above 800 communicants and sequestrators to pay same accordingly provided there be a competent maintenance first allowed to the minister of the church of Louth aforesaid.

KYME (*see* LYME, SOUTH).

LANGTON.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 210.

September 11, 1647.

It is ordered that the petition of the inhabitants of Langton near Horncastle in the County of Lincoln (a copy whereof is hereto annexed)[1] be referred to the Committee of Parliament for the said County who are desired to examine the convenience or inconvenience of uniting the Rectory of Langton aforesaid being worth but about £40 a year to the Rectory of Woodall in the said County belonging to the late Bishop of Lincoln near adjoining to Langton aforesaid and worth £40 a year and is now destitute of a minister and to call the parishioners of both the said parishes before them hearing parties and witnesses on both sides therein and to certify the same to this Committee.

LEIGHTON (LAUGHTON).

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, p. 155.

July 22, 1646.

£40 p. a. from Dean and Chapter of Lincoln out of profits of Impropriate Rectory of Leigh-

[1] No copy with records.

ton County Lincoln to Minister of Parish Church of Leighton County Lincoln the Vicarage thereof being worth but £30 p. a.

LINCOLN.

Magdalen in the Exchequer.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 318.

February 9, 1646-7.

£50 p. a. from 2/3rds of Impropriate Rectory of Sexalsby County Lincoln sequestered from Anthony Mounson Recusant and from Impropriate Rectory of Greetewell County Lincoln sequestered from William Dallison Delinquent to such minister as committee should approve for parish church of Magdalen in the Exchequer in City of Lincoln the present maintenance being not £15 p. a.

St. Peters of the Arches.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 318.

February 2, 1646.

£50 p. a. from revenue of Dean and Chapter of Lincoln to parish church of Peters of the Arches in City of Lincoln the present maintenance being but £30 p. a.

ST. PETERS AT THE GATE.

S. P. Int. Reg., *F.* 1, *p.* 317.

February 2, 1647.

£50 p. a. from Revenue of Dean and Chapter of Lincoln to parish church of Peters at the Gate City of Lincoln the present maintenance being but £30 p. a.

LONG LEADENHAM.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 58.

February 28, 1645-6.

Ordered that the Rectory of Long Ledenham Lincolnshire sequestered by the committee of the said County from Dr. Hurst shall stand sequestered to the use of Thomas Bedford Master of Arts Minister of the Word. Referred Thomas Bedford minister of the word to the Assembly to examine &c. (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 59.

February 28, 1645-6.

Whereas the Rectory of the Parish Church of Long Ledenham in the County of Lincoln was sequestered by the Committee of Parliament for the said County from Dr. Hurst It is therefore ordered that the same shall stand

sequestered to the use of Thomas Bedford a Godly and orthodox divine who is hereby required forthwith to officiate &c. (see note, p. 6).

LYME, SOUTH (KYME).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 56.

February 28, 1645-6.

It is ordered that the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln sitting at Grantham be desired to review the Articles that shall be exhibited against Mr. Bauldwick Minister of South Lyme in the said County and to take his answer thereto and call before them and examine as well the witnesses that shall be produced for proof of the said Articles as of the said Mr. Bauldwicke his defence and certify the same to this Committee.

MAREHAM.

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 176.

June 14, 1645.

Ordered that upon certificate from the committee for the examination of scandalous ministers appointed by the Right Hon the Earl of Manchester in the County of Lincoln of the misdemeanours of Mr. Pavy Rector of Maram

in the Fen in the said County examined by them and of the said Mr. Pavy his defence thereto the Committee will take such orders therein as to justice shall appertain when the informations and examinations in the whole cause shall be presented to them.

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 217.

July 14, 1645.

Ordered that the rectory of Mareham in the County of Lincoln sequestered by the Rt. Hon the Earl of Manchester from William Pavy shall stand sequestered to the use of George Beck a Godly and orthodox divine Referred him to the Committee of Assembly to be examined for it (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 228.

July 14, 1645.

Whereas the Rectory of the parish church of Mareham in the Fen in the County of Lincoln is and standeth sequestered by the Rt. Hon the Earl of Manchester from William Pavy Rector thereof It is ordered that George Beck a godly and orthodox divine do presently officiate the cure of the said church as Rector and preach diligently to the parishioners there (see note, p. 6).

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 260.

August 9, 1645.

It is ordered that the Minister of Mareham in the Fens in the County of Lincoln do forthwith pay unto the wife of Mr. Pavye from whom the Rectory of Mareham aforesaid is sequestered by order of the Earl of Manchester the 5th part of the profits of the said Rectory according to a former order of the Rt. Hon the Earl of Manchester in that behalf or do show cause to the Contrary before the 29th day of September next ensuing whereof the said Minister is to have convenient notice.

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 300.

August 30, 1645.

Whereas the Rectory of the parish church of Mareham in the Fen in the County of Lincoln is sequestered by order of the Rt. Hon the Earl of Manchester from William Pavy and Mr. George Beck was since viz. July 14 last nominated thereunto by this Committee It is ordered that the said Mr. Beck shall have and receive all tithes and profits of the said Rectory due by virtue of the said sequestration the charges for providing for the said cure and taxes

to the Parliament in the meantime being deducted And the sequestrators of the said rectory and all other person and persons whatsoever are required to pay the same unto him accordingly.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 21.

May 17, 1647.

Upon the humble petition of Christopher Dennis and . . . Holmes and other the inhabitants of Mareham in the Fen in the County of Lincoln It is ordered that the Committee of Parliament for the said County do appoint sequestrators to provide for the service of the cure of the Church of Mareham aforesaid and collect gather and receive the tithes rents duties and profits of the Rectory thereof sequestered from one William Pavye & therewith satisfy such person and persons as they shall from time to time so provide to officiate the cure of the said church and the said Committee are desired in the meantime to nominate to this Committee some godly and orthodox divine to be settled in the said Church and Rectory And whereas complaint is made that one Mr. Biggs intrudes himself into the said Church and Rectory without any authority at all and officiates the cure

there notwithstanding prohibited therefrom by the Committee of the said County It is ordered that the said Mr. Biggs do make his personal appearance before this Committee on the 1st day of June next to answer the said intrusion and contempt.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 28b.

May 21, 1647.

This Committee do appoint to consider the petition of Robert Thornhill Lord of the Manor of Mareham in the Fen and the inhabitants of the same on the 1st day of June next on which day this Committee have appointed Mr. Matthew Bigg to appear before them by order of the 17th of this inst. May.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 236b.

October 5, 1647.

It is ordered that John Price the younger be referred to the next Classical Presbytery within the Province of London who are desired upon due examination and trial of his gifts and abilities for the ministry and his fitness to officiate the cure of the church of Marham in

the County of Lincoln to ordain him thereunto if they see cause.

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 349.

September 30, 1645.

This Committee have taken into consideration the matter in difference between the wife of Mr. Pavy from whom the Rectory of Mareham in the County of Lincoln is sequestered and Mr. Beck to whom the same is sequestered in the presence of the counsel of the parties on both sides and do think fit and accordingly order that the said Mrs. Pavy shall have a fifth part of the profits of the rectory all taxes and charges out of the whole first deducted from the time the same was ordered her by the Earl of Manchester and that the sequestrators shall pay the same until the time that the said Mr. Beck was settled there and the said Mr. Beck shall pay the same from thenceforth and so from time to time hereafter which the Committee of the said County are hereby desired to set out accordingly.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 347.

August 10, 1646.

Upon the humble petition of Robert Thornehill Gentleman Lord of the Manor of Mareham in the Fen in the County of Lincoln and the inhabitants of the same It is ordered that Mr. George Beck to whom the Rectory of the said church doth now stand sequestered do certify to this Committee by this day month whether he left the sequestration and cure of the said church together with the reasons wherefore he hath left the same.

MARKET RAYSON.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 353.

February 26, 1646-7.

£50 p. a. from tithes of the Priory of Thistle County Lincoln sequestered from George Hennage Kt. Delinquent to such minister as Committee shall approve of for Church of Market Rayson County Lincoln the Vicarage whereof is not worth above £30 p. a. and it being a Market town and consisting of about 1000 souls.

MASSINGBURGH.[1]

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 156.

May 2, 1646.

Ordered that the Rectory of Massingburgh in the County of Lincoln shall stand sequestered from Robert Meeres D.D. Rector thereof for that he is also Rector of..... shall stand sequestered from the said Dr. Meeres to the use of John Luddington M.A. Minister of the Word Referred John Luddington Minister &c. to the Assembly (see note, p. 2).

MATHERING.

S. P. Int. Reg., *F.* 1, *p.* 191.

August 12, 1646.

Reciting order of 6 June last ordering payment of £50 p. a. from Dean and Chapter of Lincoln to Anthony Browne Minister of Mathering County Lincoln the Vicarage thereof in the best times being hardly worth £30 p. a. and now hardly affording 20 marks Order that said order be discharged and £25 p. a. paid from Impropriate Rectory of Fanstone County Lincoln sequestered from William Thorold Kt.

[1] This is probably Washingburgh.

and £25 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Stowe County Lincoln sequestered from Sir Edward Hussey to commence 6 June last.

MEHERINGHAM (METHERINGHAM).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 179.

May 20, 1646.

Upon the humble petition of Anthony Browne Vicar of Meheringham in the County of Lincoln for an augmentation of his maintenance in regard of smallness of his living and greatness of his poverty It is ordered that the Committee for the said County be and they are hereby desired to enquire the value of the said living and what revenues belonging to the Deans and chapters are in the said County to the end that this Committee may out of the said revenues raise the said Vicarage to a competency.

MELTON ROSS.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 141.

July 17, 1644.

It is ordered that Thomas Spademan be referred to the next classical Presbytery within

the province of London who are desired upon due examination and trial of his gifts and abilities for the Ministry and his fitness to officiate the cure of the church of Melton Ross in the County of Lincoln and to ordain him thereunto if they see cause.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 152.

July 24, 1647.

Whereas the rectory of the parish church of Melton Ross in the county of Lincoln being impropriate to Mr. Elys delinquent who is to provide a minister for the said place the Committee have therefore ordered £40 a year out of the profits of the Rectory for the maintenance of such minister as this Committee should appoint to officiate the cure of the said church It is ordered that Thomas Spademan a Godly and orthodox divine and ordained to the said cure the 22nd July inst. by the first classes within the province of London do forthwith officiate the cure of the said Church and preach diligently to the parishioners and that he shall have for his pains the said yearly sum of £40 from time to time paid unto him till further order shall be taken in the premises And all person and persons are required quietly to permit the

said Mr. Spademan to officiate the said cure and to have receive and enjoy the said £40 a year as they will answer the contrary at their peril.

MESSINGHAM.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 100.

July 7, 1647.

Referred Edmond Batson Minister to the Assembly for the cure of Messingham County of Lincoln (see note 1).

MORTON.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 274.

December 7, 1646.

£50 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Edenham County Lincoln sequestered from Earl of Lindsay Delinquent to minister of parish church of Morton Lincolnshire the Vicarage whereof is worth but £30 p. a. and the said parish consisting of near 200 families.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 40.

May 29, 1647.

Whereas the Vicarage of Morton in the County of Lincoln is sequestered from Hum-

phrey Boston and the parishioners of the said parish complain that notwithstanding the said sequestration the said Mr. Boston still continueth in the said Vicarage house and detaineth the possession thereof from the sequestrators of the said vicarage It is ordered that the next Justices of the Peace in the said County do and they are hereby desired to be assistant to the said sequestrators in their entering and taking possession of the said Vicarage house and in removing the said Mr. Boston out of the possession thereof. And the said Mr. Boston is hereby accordingly required to yield up the quiet possession of the premises to the said sequestrators or to make his personal appearance before this Committee on the 22nd day of June next to answer his said Contempt.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 139.

July 16, 1647.

Whereas the Vicarage of Morton and Harmsthorpe County of Lincoln is sequestered by order of this Committee of the 26th November 1646 from Humphrey Boston who refusing to deliver and yield up the quiet possession thereof It was the 29th May last ordered that he should forthwith yield up the quiet possession thereof to

the Sequestrator of the said Vicarage or make his personal appearance on the 22nd June last to answer his contempt who although he was served with the said order still refuseth to yield up the possession of the said vicarage house although he hath not hitherto attended this Committee or given them any satisfaction therein. It is therefore ordered that the Serjeant at Arms of the House of Commons or his deputy do bring the said Humphrey Boston in safe custody before this Committee to answer his said contempt and all constables and officers are required to be assistant in the execution thereof.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 232.

October 1, 1647.

It is ordered that Robert Horwood Gregory Temple and Henry Browne parishioners of Morton in the County of Lincoln be continued to provide for the service of the cure of the said Parish Church and to collect gather and receive the tithes rents duties and profits of the Rectory sequestered from Mr. Boston and therewith to satisfy such person and persons as they shall from time to time so provide to serve the said cure for and during the space of three months

from henceforth next ensuing together with the arrears under sequestration.

ONSTON (OWSTON?).

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 297.

January 2, 1646.

Whereas this Committee on 26 September last ordered that £50 p. a. be paid out of Impropriate Rectory of Barnesby and Croson County Lincoln sequestered from Charles Smith Delinquent for maintenance of Mr. Henry Turner minister of parish church of Onston in said County the maintenance being but £20 p. a. For that it now appears that the said profits are otherwise disposed of It is ordered that said order be discharged and that in lieu thereof £50 p. a. be paid out of surplus of Impropriate tithes of Loreby in said County sequestered from Lewis Watson delinquent And out of the profits of the Impropriate Rectory of Hungerton in the said county sequestered from Robert Banister delinquent or out of the surplus of any one of the said Impropriations which will amount to the said sum of £50 p. a. for increase of maintenance of said Mr. Turner minister of the parish church of Onston

aforesaid the ministers of the said parishes of Loreby Garthropp and Hungerton being first competently provided for.

ORMSBY (SOUTH) IN KETSBY.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 107[b].

July 9, 1647.

Referred Thomas West Minister to the Assembly for the church of Ormsby in Ketsby County Lincoln to examine (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 131.

July 16, 1647.

Whereas the rectory of the Parish Church of South Ormsby in Ketsby in the County of Lincoln is and standeth sequestered by the Committee of Parliament for the said County from Richard Thockmorton for his delinquency It is ordered that the said Rectory shall from henceforth stand sequestered to the use of Thomas West a Godly and orthodox divine and that he do forthwith officiate the cure of the said church as Rector and preach diligently &c. (see note, p. 6).

OSBORMBY (OSBORNBY).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 7.

May 10, 1647.

It is ordered that the Articles exhibited against William Bardon Minister of Osbormby in the County of Lincoln (a copy whereof is hereto annexed)[1] be referred to Mr. Montague Chamley Mr. William Savill Mr. Edmund Ellis Mr. John Arther Mr. William Burne Mr. Humphrey Walcott Mr. William Thompson Mr. John Desury Gentlemen of the Committee of the County of Lincoln aforesaid or any three of them who are desired to receive the said Mr. Bardon his answer to the said articles and call before them and examine such witnesses as shall be produced as well for proof of the said articles as of the said Mr. Bardon his defence and to certify the said Articles answer and examinations to the said Committee.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 107.

July 5, 1647.

This Committee have taken into consideration the petition of William Barden Minister of Osbormby County of Lincoln yet for that it appeareth that the Committee of Parliament for

[1] No copy with records.

the said County to whom the said cause was referred to be examined have taken the said William Barden his answer to the said Articles and examined witnesses on both sides therein It is therefore ordered that the said cause be upon the said articles answer and examination heard on the 28th day of this inst. July whereof the said..... Barden is to have convenient notice.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 126.

July 13, 1647.

Whereas it is attested before this Committee that the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln to whom several articles against William Barden Minister of Osbornby in the County of Lincoln were referred to be examined refuse to cross-examine the witnesses that were examined for proof of the said Articles against him conceiving they had not power by virtue of the said reference This Committee do declare that it was the intent and meaning of the Committee by the said order that all witnesses produced on either side that should be requisite for the discovery of the truth upon the said Articles referred ought to have been examined and cross-examined so far as the said examinations

did induce to the clearing of the said cause This Committee do therefore desire the said Committee by whom the cause was formerly examined or any three of them to cross-examine the witnesses that were produced against the said Mr. Barden for proof of the said articles and to certify the same to this Committee by the 17 day of August next to the end that the hearing of the cause upon the 24th day of the said month of August may not be hindered or deferred whereof the prosecutors in the said cause are to have sufficient notice.

PANTON.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 176.

August 14, 1647.

It is ordered that Thomas Gregson Minister of the word be referred to the first Classical Presbytery within the province of London for ordination of Ministers who are desired to examine his fitness to officiate the cure of the Church of Panton County of Lincoln and if they consider him fit to ordain him thereunto.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 232[b].

September 28, 1647.

Referred Thomas Gregson Minister to the Assembly for the Church of Panton County of Lincoln to examine (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 245.

October 14, 1647.

Whereas the Rectory of the Parish Church of Panton County of Lincoln is and standeth sequestered to the Committee of Parliament for these Counties from Mr. Lincoln for his delinquency It is ordered that the said Rectory shall from henceforth stand sequestered to the use of Thomas Gregson a Godly and orthodox divine and that he do forthwith officiate the cure of the said parish church and Rectory and preach diligently &c. (see note, p. 6).

REPHAM.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 122.

£50 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Billinghurst County Lincoln sequestered from Charles Dymoke Esq. Delinquent to William Barnard minister of Parish Church of Repham County Lincoln the Rectory whereof being worth but £5 p. a.

RIPPINGALE.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 218.

June 13, 1646.

It is ordered that the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln be desired to receive the Articles hereto annexed[1] exhibited against..... Cranwell minister of Rippingale in the said County and to take his answer thereunto and to call before them and examine the witnesses that shall be produced as well for proof of the said articles as of the said Mr. Cranwell his answer and to certify the said Articles Answer and examination to this Committee.

[1] No copy with records.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 359.

August 14, 1646.

Refer George Becke[1] minister of the Word to Rippingale County Lincoln for examination (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 402.

August 14, 1646.

Whereas the Rectories of the parish church of Rippengale in the County of Lincoln are sequestered by the Committee of Parliament for the said County from Adam Cranwell for his delinquency It is ordered that the said Rectories shall from henceforth stand sequestered from the said Adam Cranwell to the use of George Beck a Godly and orthodox divine who is hereby required forthwith to officiate the cure of the said church as Rector and preach diligently to the parishioners there and shall have for his pains therein the parsonage house &c. (see note, p. 6).

[1] Mr. Beck had been Lord Manchester's chaplain, and was with him at Winceby fight, for which it is supposed Bishop Saunderson drove him out of the county. He used to lecture at Grantham.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 465.

September 25, 1646.

Upon the humble petition of Susan the wife of Adam Cranwell from whom the rectory of Rippingale County of Lincoln is sequestered it is ordered that the said Mrs. Cranwell shall have for and towards the maintenance of her and her children the full clear fifth part of all the tithes rents glebe and Easter books of the said Rectory (all taxes and charges first deducted out of the whole) unless good cause be shown to the contrary before this Committee on the 22 day of October next.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 28[b].

May 21, 1647.

Whereas it appeareth by certificate from several of the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln made in pursuance of the order of reference of the 9th of April 1647 that the Rectories of Rippingale in the said County are worth £250 a year besides the house belonging to one of the said rectories which Mr. Beck to whom the said rectories are sequestered liveth in being worth £5 a year. And one other house belonging to the other rectory

worth 20/- a year It is ordered that the said Mr. Beck should pay unto Mrs. Cranwell the wife of Mr. Cranwell from whom the said Rectories are sequestered a fifth part according to the aforesaid valuation together with all arrears due since the first grant thereof and in regard it is suggested by the said certificate that there are two houses belonging to the said rectories as aforesaid This Committee do refer it to the Committee for the said County to set out unto the said Mrs. Cranwell one of the said houses in part of the fifth part for her habitation; the said Mrs. Cranwell behaving herself civily and quietly in the said parish without molestation or interruption of the said Mr. Beck.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 51[b].

June 12, 1647.

It is ordered that Mr. Beck to whom the rectory of Rippingale County of Lincoln is sequestered do forthwith pay unto the wife of Mr. Cranwell from whom the same is sequestered the fifth part to her due according to the order of the Committee of the 21st May last in default whereof it is ordered that the said rectory shall stand sequestered from him the

said Mr. Beck unless he shew good cause to the contrary by the 28th day of June instant.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 70.

June 17, 1647.

Upon consideration had of the petition of George Beck to whom the rectory of Rippingale in the County of Lincoln is sequestered and for that the certificate obtained by Mrs. Cranwell wife of Mr. Cranwell from whom the said Rectories are sequestered whereby the order of the 21st May last was obtained was not pursuant to the order of reference of the 9th April last the said certificate being made by Gentlemen that live remote from the said Parish of Rippingale who made the said certificate ex-parte only without hearing or calling before them the said Mr. Beck whereas there are divers Justices of Peace that live nearer the said parish And it is now attested before this Committee that the said living is not near the value certified and was never accounted so to be. It is therefore ordered that said order and all proceedings thereupon be suspended and that the said petition (a copy whereof is hereto annexed)[1] be referred to the two next Justices

[1] No copy with records.

of Peace to the said Parish who are desired to examine the particulars therein contained hearing parties and witnesses on both sides concerned and to certify the same to this Committee upon whose certificate this Committee will make such further order as to justice shall appertain.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 81.

June 22, 1647.

Whereas upon certificate from two Justices of peace for the County of Lincoln valuing the Benefice of Rippingale in the said County at £250 a year this Committee have ordered unto Mrs. Cranwell the wife of Mr. Cranwell from whom the said benefice is sequestered according to that proportion since when upon affirmation that the said Rectories were never of that value or so accounted this Committee did suspend their former order and referred it to the Committee of the said County to examine and hear both sides upon the matters contained in the petition of Mr. Beck to whom the said rectories are sequestered then exhibited And the said Mr. Cranwell now proffereth to give unto the said Mr. Beck £250 a year for the said rectory It is therefore ordered upon the said Mr. Cranwell his proffer and desire and by his consent

that the said Mr. Cranwell shall produce at next sitting two sufficient men to become bound for his payment of £250 a year unto the said Mr. Beck for the said Rectory and the profits thereof reserving unto the said Mr. Becke the said parsonage house for his habitation over and above the said £250 a year abating a fifth part thereof in lieu of the fifth part unto her granted *shall* (*sic*) receive and enjoy the tithes and profits of the said rectory.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 86b.

June 25, 1647.

Whereas this Committee have by order of the 17th of this inst. June referred the petition of Mr. Becke to whom the Rectories of Rippingale are sequestered together with the matter to them referred concerning the fifth part claimed by Mrs. Cranwell wife of Mr. Cranwell from whom the said Rectories are sequestered to the two next Justices of peace to the said parish It is ordered upon the humble petition of the said Mrs. Cranwell that the said referees do likewise examine whether with convenience one of the houses of the said parsonage may be assigned to the said Mrs. Cranwell in part to her

fifth part and to certify the same or the inconvenience thereof if any by (*no date filled in*).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 226[b].

September 24, 1647.

This Committee do appoint to hear the cause between Mr. Beck to whom the Rectories of Rippengale in the County of Lincoln are sequestered and Susan the wife of Mr. Cranwell from whom the same are sequestered upon the certificate of William Savile and.....Walcott Esqr. Justices of Peace in the said County concerning the fifth part by the said Mrs. Cranwell claimed on the one and twentieth day of October next whereof the said Mrs. Cranwell is to have sufficent notice.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 256.

October 24, 1647.

Upon hearing the cause between Mrs. Cranwell wife of Mr. Cranwell from whom the several rectories of Rippengale in the County of Lincoln are sequestered and Mr. Beck to whom the same are sequestered upon the certificate of William Savile and Humphrey Walcott Esqr. Justices of the peace in the said County made

in pursuance of the orders of Reference of the 17th and 25th June last and upon hearing of Counsel in both sides therein it appeareth that the said rectories are worth about £150 or £160 a year and that the said Mr. Cranwell hath about £18 a year temporal estate for which he hath compounded and hath no child and that Mr. Cranwell hath expressed great disaffection to Parliament This Committee do upon the whole matter think fit that the said Mrs. Cranwell shall have in lieu of the fifth part of the profits of the said rectories formerly granted the yearly sum of £12 and no more which the said Mr. Beck is required to pay accordingly to the said Mrs. Cranwell to be accounted from the 25 day of September 1646 on which day the said fifth part was first granted unto her.

ROXBY.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 266.

July 4, 1646.

It is ordered that the Articles exhibited against.....Foreman minister of Roxby in the County of Lincoln (a copy whereof is hereto annexed) be referred to the Committee of

Parliament for the said County or any three of them who are desired to receive the said Mr. Foreman's answer to the said articles and to examine the witnesses that shall be produced as well for proof of the said articles as of the said Mr. Foreman's defence and to certify the said articles answer and examinations to this Committee.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 414.

August 31, 1646.

Upon complaint made by Mr. Forman Minister of Roxby in the County of Lincoln that the Committee for the said County have examined the witnesses produced for proofs of the said articles by them transmitted against him upon oath and the witnesses that were examined in his behalf without oath This Committee do desire the said Committee to certify wherefore the said examinations were so taken and why the witnesses examined in his behalf were not examined upon oath as well as the witnesses examined against him.

SERBY.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 172.

August 12, 1646.

£30 from Impropriate Rectory of Serby County Lincoln sequestered from Thomas Dawson Delinquent to Mr. Thomas Wharfe Minister of the parish church of Serby cum Ornby County Lincoln the Vicarage thereof being worth but £20 p. a.

SHELFORD.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 245.

November 11, 1646.

Whereas Committee have by order of 17 July last assigned £20 p. a. payable from parish of Shelford to the prebend of New Shelford belonging to Cathedral of Lincoln and £4 p. a. payable to said Cathedral Church out of several of their possessions in Crofton in occupation of John Pearton and £16 p. a. to them reserved out of several of their possessions in Navenby and £10 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Durrington sequestered from George Enderby delinquent all in County Lincoln to be allowed and paid to the increase of the maintenance of

the parish church of Shelford aforesaid being a great Market Town and the Vicarage thereof in quiet times being worth but £30 p. a. For that it is now alleged that the said sum of £30 p. a. payable out of Crofton Navenby and Durrington aforesaid cannot be obtained It is ordered that the said order as to the said £30 be discharged. And that in lieu thereof the yearly sum of £30 be paid out of the profits of the Impropriate Rectory of Wellingore in the said County sequestered from Gilbert Atkinson delinquent.

SPRINGTHORPE.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 445.

September 18, 1646.

Referred John Hallyfax &c. to the Committee of the Assembly to officiate in the cure of the church of Springthorpe in the county of Lincoln for examination (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 171.

August 11, 1647.

It is ordered that the Articles exhibited against John Hallifax Minister of Springthorpe in the County of Lincoln (a copy whereof is

hereto annexed)[1] be referred to the two next Justices of the peace of the said County who are desired to receive the said Mr. Hallifax his answer and to call before them and examine such witnesses as shall be produced as well for proof of the said articles as of the said Mr. Hallifax his defence and to certify the said Articles Answer and examinations to this Committee And the said Justices are likewise desired to appoint some honest and responsible persons to secure and keep in safe hands the tithes and profits of the said Rectory until the said cause be heard and the Committee give further directions therein unless the said Mr. Hallifax shall give the said Justices good security to be responsible for the said profits as this Committee upon hearing the said cause shall direct.

STAMFORD.

St. Peter and All Saints.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 79.

March 14, 1645-6.

Upon consideration had by this Committee that Thomas Holt[2] being ejected by the Rt.

[1] No copy with records.

[2] Walker states that Mr. Holt held All Saints and St. Peter's, worth together £150 a year; also Thropston, in

Hon. the Earl of Manchester out of the vicarage of All Saints and rectory of St. Peter in Stamford in the County of Lincoln one Alex. Bishop hath received certain tithe corn and hay and several other profits of the said benefices to the value of £150 it is this day ordered that the said Alex. Bishop do forthwith pay the said profits for full satisfaction of the same to John Storer Robert Barker Robert Bemington John Metcalf John Cale and Richard Clarke parishioners of the said parish who are hereby appointed and authorised to receive the same notwithstanding any pretence of the said Alex. Bishop his payment thereof or of any part thereof to the said Thos Holt in default thereof upon information thereof this Committee will proceed against him according to his contempt And the aforesaid parties are hereby further

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Northamptonshire, worth £150 also. 'He lost likewise, if I mistake not, nearly £200 a year temporals and £1,000 money. Some of his accusations were these: that he came in by the interest of the Lord Keeper Coventry; that he had been absent from his cures, and sent scandalous preachers to supply them, one of which affirmed that they were beating down the churches with axes and hammers. And as I doubt that this was what made that person scandalous, so I believe it was something or other of the same kind which made the rest so likewise. 'Tis certain, at least, that *malignancy* was also added as one part of Mr. Holt's charge.'

authorised and appointed to collect gather and receive all other profits of the said several benefices as well the arrears since the said sequestration as which from time to time hereafter shall be due till the pleasure of this Committee shall be further known And keep the said profits as well which they shall receive from the said Alex Bishop as otherwise to be disposed of as this Committee shall direct.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 257.

June 27, 1646.

Whereas the Rectory of the parish church of St. Peters and Vicarage of All Saints in the Town of Stamford in the County of Lincoln are sequestered from Thomas Holt, clerk. This Committee do order and hereby desire the Committee of Parliament for the said County to take some speedy course for the removal of the said Mr. Holt out of the possession of the said parsonage and vicarage houses and either of them And it is ordered that the sequestrators appointed by order of this Committee of the 14th of March last do effectually sequester all the tithes rents revenues and profits belonging to the said parsonage and vicarage And

diligently collect gather and receive the same and thereout do satisfy and pay such orthodox and honest minister or ministers as shall from time to time officiate the said cure which they are hereby enabled to provide till this Committee shall take further order And all person and persons whom it may concern are required to pay unto the said sequestrators the respective tithes and profits of the said parsonage and vicarage accordingly And this Committee do declare that the Committee of Sequestrations for the said County or other persons who have received the same ought to repay unto the said sequestrators the £40 and £20 by them received out of the profits of the said benefices from Alexander Bichopp or otherwise And that the sequestrators by them appointed to sequester or receive the profits of the said benefices ought no further to intermeddle with the tithes rents and other profits of the said Rectory and Vicarage or either of them And the said Committee are therefore to discharge them therefrom accordingly.

ST. JOHN.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 98.

July 2, 1647.

Upon complaint made by the inhabitants of St. John's in Stamford that Mr. Salter[1] from whom the Rectory of St. John's in Stamford is sequestered by the Rt. Hon the Earl of Manchester doth notwithstanding the said sequestration continue the possession of the said Rectory and Church and officiate the cure thereof and receive the profits of the said rectory It is ordered that the said Mr. Salter do forthwith deliver and yield up unto the Aldermen of the said town Abraham Falconer, Charles Dale and Francis Dalby inhabitants of the said town the quiet and peacable possession of the said rectory church and of the profits thereof and forbear any further to officiate the said cure or else do make his personal appear-

[1] Walker states (part ii., p. 366): 'Mr. Salter is stated to have had also the living of Brigg Casterton, worth £180 a year. He was sequestrated for frequenting inns, etc., for being in the King's garrisons, observing the ceremonies, preaching but once a day, and suffering a crucifix in one of the windows of his church; insomuch, that the people of Stamford showed much bitterness and malignancy, being never instructed in their duty. I find Mr. Salter was also carried prisoner to London, being taken in Burleigh House by the Parliament forces.'

ance before this Committee on the 23rd day of July inst to answer his contempt and the said Aldermen Abraham Falconer, Charles Dale and Francis Dalby are hereby appointed to take possession of the said house and glebe and provide for the service of the cure of the said church and collect gather and receive the tithes rents duties and profits of the said rectory and therewith satisfy such person as they shall from time to time so provide to serve the said cure for and during the space of 3 months next ensuing.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 93.

July 27, 1647.

It is ordered that Mr. Salter from whom the Rectory of St. John's in Stamford is sequestered do forthwith deliver and yield up unto the Aldermen of the said town Abraham Falconer, Charles Dale and Francis Dalby, inhabitants of the said town the quiet possession of the said Rectory and Church and the profits thereof and forbear any further to officiate the said cure according to the order of the 2nd July last and do make his personal appearance before this Committee on the 16th day of September next to answer his said contempt whereof he is not to fail at his peril

And this Committee will secure him during the time of his said attendance against the order of parliament enjoining such as are disaffected to move out of the city.

St. Mary

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 50b.

June 11, 1647.

Whereas the 9th day of April last this Committee ordered that Mr. Prichard[1] from whom the rectory of St. Mary's in Stamford was sequestered should return into the Library in the said Parish Church the several Books therefrom by him taken away which were given for the use and benefit of such Ministers as should officiate the cure of the said church or make his appearance before this Committee on the 1st day of this instant June to show cause to the contrary It is ordered that the said cause be referred to Sir Thomas Trollope Kt. Peter Fallwood Esq. and the aldermen of Stamford who are desired to examine into the truth of the premises calling before them and hearing parties on all sides concerned And to determine the

[1] Walker (part ii., p. 332) says Thomas Prichard was turned out by the Earl of Manchester about the year 1644, for *malignancy* and frequenting inns and tobacco-shops.

same if they can or otherwise to certify the whole business to this Committee.

STICKNEY.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 9.

May 10, 1647.

It is ordered that the sequestrators of the Rectory of Stickney in the County of Lincoln do forthwith pay unto Mrs. Peniston the wife of Mr. Peniston from whom the rectory of Stickney aforesaid is sequestered the fifth part of the profits of the said rectory according to the order of the 16th of April last or show cause to the contrary before this Committee on the 10th day of June next.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 54.

June 12, 1647.

Whereas this Committee on May 10th last ordered the sequestrators of the parish of Stickney in the County of Lincoln forthwith to pay unto Mrs. Peniston the wife of Mr. Peniston from whom the rectory is sequestered the fifth part of the profits of the said rectory according to the order of the 16th day of April last or to

show cause to the contrary before this Committee on the 10th day of June inst. It is ordered that in case Mr. Howe the said Incumbent there shall not pay the said fifth part or show cause to the contrary by this day sevenight that then the said fifth part shall be paid unto her and that the said rectory shall stand sequestered from him the said Mr. Howe for his non payment thereof.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 62.

June 14, 1647.

Whereas Mr. How to whom the rectory of Stickney in the County of Lincoln is sequestered hath this day attended to show cause wherefore he should not pay unto Allice the wife of Mr. Peniston from whom the said Rectory is sequestered a fifth part alleging that he did in obedience to former order attend the 10th of June inst in the said cause howbeit in regard of the houses sitting again that afternoon the said cause could not be heard and therefore prayeth that he may not be prejudiced by the order of the 12th of June obtained upon the said Mr. Peniston's petition but that it may be referred to the Committee of Parliament for the said County of Lincoln to examine what cause

he can show why the said fifth part should not be paid alleging that the said Mr. Peniston hath about £30 a year and that in case there shall not sufficient cause appear to the said Committee against payment of the said fifth part to apportion the same This committee do accordingly refer the said parties to the said committee for the said county sitting at Boston or any 3 of them who are desired to examine what cause can be shown why the said fifth part should not be paid calling before them and hearing parties and witnesses on both sides concerned and in case there be not good cause before them shown to the contrary the said Committee are desired to examine the value of the said living and apportion thereupon the said fifth part and see the same paid unto said Mrs. Peniston accordingly.

STURTON.

S. P. Int. Reg., *F.* 1, *p.* 301.

December 16, 1646.

£20 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Saxhill County Lincoln and £20 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Ludford County Lincoln both sequestered from Sir George Hennage Kt.

Recusant and Delinquent to Mr. John Oliver minister of parish churche of Sturton County Lincoln the Vicarage whereof being worth but £36 p. a.

STURTON (GREAT).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 237.

October 5, 1647.

It is ordered that the Articles exhibited against Edward Greathead late Vicar of Great Sturton in the County of Lincoln and now pretender to the benefice of Westbridgford in the county of Nottingham (a copy whereof is hereto annexed) be referred to the Honble Francis Clinton alias Fines William Barry Richard Filkin and William Lister Esquires John Desne and Richard Bryan Gentlemen of the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln or any 2 of them who are desired to receive the said Mr. Greathead his answer to the said articles and to call before them and examine the witnesses that shall be produced as well for proof of the said Articles as of the said Mr. Greathead his defence and to certify the said Articles Answer and examinations to this Committee And for that it appears by certifi-

cate of the Committee of Parliament for the County of Lincoln that the said Mr. Greathead is a delinquent and hath adhered to the Army raised against the Parliament and been in the army against the Parliament It is ordered that the Committee of Parliament sitting at Nottingham do secure the profits of the benefice of Westbridgford aforesaid from the said Mr. Greathead until upon hearing of the said cause as aforesaid referred this Committee shall give further direction.

SURFLEET.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 317.

September 23, 1646.

£50 from Impropriate Rectory of Surfleet Parish (*sic*) of Holland County Lincoln sequestered from Colonel Roper Delinquent to Thos. Fisher minister of church of Surfleet aforesaid the present maintenance belonging to the said church being but £15 p. a.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 208.

September 26, 1646.

Com Lincoln The Rectory of Surfleet sequestered from Colonel Roper

To Surfleet.....£50.

SUTTERTON.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 13.

May 10, 1647.

Upon the humble petition of Dame Anne wife of Mr. Edward Bullen from whom the vicarage of Sutterton in Holland in the county of Lincoln is sequestered It is ordered that the said Lady Bullen shall have for and towards her maintenance the full clear fifth part of all the tithes, rents, glebe lands and Easter book of the said vicarage (all taxes and charges first deducted out of the whole) to be accounted from Easter last unless good cause in writing be shown to the contrary before the committee of Parliament for the said county The said Mr. Bullen and the said lady yielding all due obedience to the said sequestrators the examination of which cause if there be any this Committee do refer to the said Committee or any

three of them who are desired to have the parties on both sides therein and to call before them and examine such witnesses as shall be produced as well for proof of the said cause as on the part and behalf of the said Lady Bullen for the justifying of her and the payment of the said fifth part and to determine the differences between them if they can or otherwise to certify to this Committee the whole business together with the value of the living.

SUTTON IN THE MARSH.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 463.

September 25, 1646.

It is ordered that the petition of the parishioners of Sutton March in the County of Lincoln (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) be referred to the Committee of Parliament for the said County who are desired to certify how the said church is become void and the cure thereof unsupplied and what they conceive of the fitness and merit of Mr. William Willmot to have the same.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 245.

October 26, 1646.

Whereas this Committee have on 23 September last ordered the yearly rent of £19. 1. 0 payable to Dr. Dalby prebend of Lincoln Cathedral due out of the prebendary of Sutton in the Marsh County Lincoln should be paid to parish church of Sutton in the Marsh the present maintenance being but £20 p. a. It is ordered that said rent of £19. 1. 0 be paid to William Willmott the new minister of said church for his officiating the cure thereof.

SUTTON (St. James and St. Mary).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 224.

June 13, 1646.

This Committee do appoint to take into consideration the petition of John Morden minister of the parish church of Sutton St. Maries in the County of Lincoln to have the profits of the vicarage with the "Chapplelry" of St. James restored unto him by him alleged to be settled on the minister of the said chapel on the 15th day of July next ensuing Whereof the minister and the inhabitants of the said

'Chapplry' are to have convenient notice to the end that this Committee may hear what shall be said on both sides in the premises.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 304.

July 14, 1646.

The Committee do appoint to hear the cause between the Vicar of Sutton St. James in the County of Lincoln and inhabitants of the "Chapplelry" of Sutton St. Mary within the said parish on Friday next at which time all parties concerned are to attend.

SWABY.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 281.

July 14, 1644.

It is ordered that the petition of Gervase Kiddall minister of Swaby in the County of Lincoln this day preferred (a copy whereof is hereto annexed)[1] be referred to the Committee of Parliament for the said County or any 3 of them who are desired to certify the cause why the said Mr. Kiddall was committed and by whom with all convenient speed.

[1] No copy with records.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 201.

June 6, 1646.

Upon the humble petition of Gervase Kiddall minister of Swaby in the County of Lincoln It is ordered that the Committee of Parliament for the said County be desired to settle and maintain him in his quiet possession of the said rectory according to his right thereunto against all claims or pretences of Mr. Throgmorton from whom the same is sequestered and until he shall show good cause to the contrary before this Committee And for the recovery of the tithes of the said rectory this Committee do refer him to the Justices of peace in the said County to relieve him therein according to the order of Parliament in that behalf.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 108[b].

June 17, 1647.

Upon complaint made by Gervase Kiddall Minister of the word that Mr. Throgmorton notwithstanding the vicarage of Swaby in the County of Lincoln is sequestered from him to the use of the said Mr. Kiddall. Mr. Cumms and Thomas Doleman parishioners of the said parish confederates with the said Mr. Throg-

morton do oppose his the said Mr. Kiddall's enjoyment of the said Vicarage and of the profits thereof, and refuse to pay unto the said Mr. Kiddall the tithes of the said Vicarage from them due or to suffer him to enjoy the same. It is ordered that the said Mr. Throgmorton Mr. Cumms and Thomas Doleman do make their appearance before this Committee on the 6th day of August next ensuing to answer the premises.

SWARBY.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 67[b].

June 17, 1647.

It is ordered that the articles exhibited against Thomas Bradley Vicar of Swarby in the County of Lincoln and parts of Kesteven (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed)[1] be referred to the Committee of Parliament for the said County or any three of them who are desired to receive the said Mr. Bradley his answer to the said articles and to call before them and examine such witnesses as shall be produced as well for proof of the said articles as of the said Mr. Bradley his defence and to certify the said articles answer and examinations to this Committee.

[1] No copy with records.

SYBSEY.

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 85.

March 20, 1644-5.

Whereas John Watts vicar of parish church of Sybsey in the County of Lincoln hath relinquished the said church and the same is thereby become wholly improvided It is this day ordered that Thomas Paul Master of Arts a godly and orthodox divine do presently officiate &c. and for recovery of the tithes claimed by the said Mr. Paul to him due this Committee do refer him to the Justices of peace in the said County according to the late ordinance of Parliament.

Add. MS. 15669, *p.* 75.

March 22, 1644-5.

Commended Thomas Paul minister of the word to be examined by the Assembly for the Vicarage of Sybsey in County Lincoln.

TETNEY.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 323.

February 9, 1646-7.

£18 reserved to Bishop of Lincoln out of Impropriate Rectory of Tetney County Lincoln to such minister as Committee shall approve of for parish church of Tetney aforesaid the Vicarage whereof is not worth above £30 And the further sum of £32 p. a. when the present lease of said Rectory shall expire.

THORP ON THE HILL.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 74.

March 7, 1645-6.

Whereas several of the parishioners of Thorpe on the Hill in the County of Lincoln have petitioned this Committee that Mr. John White minister of the word might be settled in the church of Thorpe aforesaid sequestered from John Noble by the Rt. Honble. the Earl of Manchester and several other parishioners of the said parish have petitioned that Mr. Francis Whittle minister of the Word may be settled in the said church who is also nominated thereto to officiate by the Committee for the said

County. This Committee do refer the same to the Committee of Parliament for the said County who are desired to enquire to which of them the parishioners of the said parish incline and to inform themselves by such ways as they shall think meet which of the said ministers is fittest to be settled in the said Church and to certify their opinions therein to this Committee.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 89.

March 21, 1645-6.

Ordered that the Rectory of Thorpe on the Hill in the County of Lincoln sequestered by the Committee for the said County from John Noble for his delinquency shall stand sequestered to the use of John White minister of the word Referred the said John White to the Assembly to examine &c. (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 94.

March 21, 1645-6.

Whereas the Rectory of the parish church of Thorp on the Hill in the County of Lincoln is sequestered by the Committee of Parliament for the said County from John Noble for his

delinquency It is ordered that the said Rectory shall from henceforth stand sequestered to the use of John White minister of the Word a godly and orthodox divine who is hereby required forthwith to officiate the cure of the said church as Rector and preach diligently to the parishioners there and shall have &c. (see note, p. 6).

TATTERSHALL.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 279.

December 7, 1646.

Surplus profits of Impropriate Rectory of Corringham County Lincoln sequestered from Sir Edward Hussey Kt. Delinquent not exceeding £50 p. a. to minister of parish church of Tattershall County Lincoln the same being a great MarketTown and very populous consisting of 400 Communicants and the present maintenance being but a stipend of £20 p. a. provided that the £20 p. a. this day granted to the church of Corringham aforesaid and the £50 p. a. to the church of Willington Lincoln be first paid.

WALCOTT.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 390.

August 12, 1646.

Whereas the Rectory of Walcott County Lincoln is impropriate and after the decease of Peregrine Cony is in Sir Sutton Cony Delinquent. And the vicarage of said church is worth but £5 p. a. It is ordered that the yearly sum of £50 be paid out of the profits of the said rectory immediately after the decease of Peregrine Cony to and for increase of maintenance of the minister of the parish church of Walcott aforesaid.

WASHINGBURGH.[1]

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 129.

April 18, 1646.

It is ordered that Dr. Meeres Rector of Washingburgh in the County of Lincoln do make his appearance before the Committee on the 26th day of May next to show cause wherefore the Rectory aforesaid should not be sequestered for that he hath another living and doth not officiate the cure of the said Parish Church.

[1] See Massingburgh, p. 75.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 156.

May 2, 1646.

Ordered that the Rectory of Washingborough in the County of Lincoln shall stand sequestered from Robert Meeres Doctor in Divinity Rector thereof for that he is also Rector of ..... to the use of John Luddington Master of Arts Minister of the word.

Referred John Luddington Minister &c. to the Assembly to examine &c. (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 202.

May 2, 1646.

Whereas Robert Meeres Doctor in Divinity Rector of the Parish Church of Washingburgh in the County of Lincoln is also Rector of the Parish Church of Houham and Marston in the said County who hath made his election to part with the said Rectory of Washingborough It is therefore ordered that the said Rectory of Washingborough shall stand and be sequestered from the said Dr. Meeres to the use of John Luddington a godly and orthodox divine who is hereby required forthwith to officiate the cure of the said church as Rector and preach diligently to the Parishioners there and shall have for his pains therein the Parsonage house &c. (see note, p. 6).

WELBY.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 49.

February 28, 1645-6.

Whereas ..... Coniers Rector of the Parish Church of Welby in the County of Lincoln is and resideth in the garrison of Newark and hath betaken himself to the forces raised against the Parliament wholly neglecting the cure It is therefore ordered that the said Rectory shall from henceforth stand sequestered from the said Mr. Coniers to the use of Thomas Rastell Master of Arts and a godly and orthodox divine and &c. (see note, p. 6).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 57.

February 28, 1645-6.

Upon information by Mr. G. Shurs (?) member of the House that Mr. Conyers Rector of Welby in the County of Lincoln is and resideth in the garrison of Newark ordered that the said Rectory shall stand sequestered to the use of Thomas Rastell Master of Arts minister &c.

Referred Thomas Rastell minister &c. to the Assembly to examine (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 8.

May 8, 1647.

Whereas this Committee have by order of the 5th of February last committed William Everitt to safe custody for his contempt in refusing to pay to Mr. Rastall to whom the Rectory of Welby in the County of Lincoln is sequestered the tithes of the said Rectory from him due and for his justifying his nonpayment thereof upon an erroneous opinion that tithes are abolished and that the law enjoining the payment thereof is repugnant to the law of God until the said William Everitt his said contempt shall be reported to the House or further order of this Committee And the said Mr. Everitt hath since applied himself to the Justices of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench where he endeavoureth to obtain his Habeas Corpus against the said commitment. It is ordered that Mr. Nathaniel Bacon member of the Committee be desired to attend the said Justices therein and to acquaint them that this Committee intend to report the said cause to the House as soon as they can and therefore to desire them to forbear to proceed in the said cause for a few days in regard the House hath adjourned till Tuesday And to the end the

same may be as aforesaid reported Mr. Knightley is desired to report the said cause.

WELLINGBOROUGH.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 321.

February 1, 1646-7.

£50 out of Impropriate Rectory of Barton County Lincoln sequestered from Thomas Appleyard and Philip Turener Delinquent to minister who shall be approved of for parish church of Wellingborough Lincoln the Vicarage being worth about £30 p. a.

WELLINGORE.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 171.

August 19, 1646.

£50 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Wellingore County Lincoln sequestered from Gilbert Atkinson Delinquent to such minister as Committee should appoint to parish church of Wellingore aforesaid the Vicarage whereof is worth but £30 p. a. and the said parish consisteth of 28 Communicants.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 30.

May 24, 1647.

It is ordered that Thomas Whatton Minister of the word be commended to the Committee of the Assembly of Divines for examination of Ministers who are desired to examine the fitness of the said Mr. Whatton to officiate the cure of the church of Wellingore in the County of Lincoln and to certify the same and what trial they have of his gifts and abilities particularly together with the particular cause of his removal from the Cure of the Church of Offley in the County of Hertford.

WHAPLODE.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 4[b].

May 7, 1647.

Upon information that William Holden minister of Whaplode in the County of Lincoln hath deserted the said place for divers months last past whereby the cure of the said church is wholly unsupplied It is ordered that the said Mr. Holden do make his appearance before this Committee on the one and twentieth day of May inst. to answer the premises or certify unto this Committee in writing under his hand

whether he hath left the said cure and the cause thereof.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 24.

May 17, 1647.

Upon reading the letter of Mr. Houlden Rector of Whaplode in the County of Lincoln (to whom the Rectory of Casterton in the County of Rutland is also sequestered) the said letter being written in pursuance of the order of the last[1] It is ordered that the said Mr. Houlden shall have time till the 17th day of June next to make his election which of the said benefices he will adhere unto and which he will relinquish And to certify the same to this Committee in default whereof it is ordered that the said rectory of Whaplode shall stand sequestered from him for his non residence to the use of some godly and orthodox divine.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 57.

June 14, 1647.

Referred Edmund Petit minister to the Assembly for the church of Whaplode County Lincoln to examine (see note, p. 2).[2]

[1] Date omitted in original.
[2] N.B.—Similar entry to above on page 58.

WILLERTON.

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 311.

July 24, 1646.

Referred William Parkinson minister &c. to the Assembly for the cure of the church of Willerton in the County of Lincoln to examine (see note, p. 2).

Add. MS. 15670, *p.* 329.

July 24, 1646.

Upon consideration of the articles and examinations returned against Henry Wilson minister of Willerton in the County of Lincoln from the Committee for the said County in the ..... of the said Mr. Wilson it appeareth that the said Mr. Wilson hath from time to time expressed great malignancy against the Parliament and the proceedings thereof and is otherwise scandalous in his conversation and negligent of his cure it is therefore ordered that the said vicarage shall stand sequestered from him to the use of William Parkinson a godly and orthodox divine who is hereby required forthwith to officiate the cure of the said church as Vicar and preach diligently to the parishioners there and shall have for his pains therein the

Vicarage house and glebe lands and all the tithes rents duties and profits whatsoever of the said Vicarage till further order shall be taken on the premises and all person and persons are required quietly to permit the said Mr. Parkinson to officiate the cure and to enter possess and enjoy the said house and glebe lands and to have receive and take to his own use all the tithes rents duties and profits whatsoever of the said Vicarage as they will answer the contrary at their peril. Provided notwithstanding and it is hereby further ordered that the said Mr. Wilson shall have hold and enjoy all tithes rents and profits of the said Vicarage which shall from time to time fall and become due and payable till the first day of September next.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 1, *p.* 123.

July 24, 1646.

£50 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Corringham County Lincoln sequestered from Sir Edward Hussey Kt. Delinquent to Mr. William Parkinson minister of parish church of Willerton County Lincoln the Vicarage thereof being worth but £30 p. a.

S. P. Int. Reg., F. 2, *p.* 540.

July 24, 1646.

£50 p. a. from Impropriate Rectory of Corringham County Lincoln sequestered from Edward Hussey, for increase of maintenance of William Parkinson minister of parish church of Willerton County Lincoln the Vicarage thereof being worth but £30 p. a.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 78.

June 22, 1647.

Upon the humble petition of Mary the wife of Henry Wilson from whom the Vicarage of Willoughton in the County of Lincoln is sequestered It is ordered that the said Mrs. Wilson shall have for and towards her maintenance the full clear 5th part of all the tithes rents glebe lands and Easter Books of the said Vicarage (all taxes and charges first deducted out of the whole) unless good cause in writing be shown to the contrary before the Committee of Parliament for the said County, the said Mr. Wilson and his wife yielding all due obedience to the said sequestration. The examination of which cause &c.

WINCEBY.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 178.

August 17, 1647.

Upon the humble petition of Thomas Upchurch to whom the Rectory of Winceby in the County of Lincoln is sequestered this Committee do refer the said Mr. Upchurch to the Justices of Peace for the said County who are desired to relieve him in his receiving the tithes of the said Rectory to him due according to the ordinance of Parliament in that behalf.

UNCERTAIN PARISHES.

Add. MS. 15671, *p.* 150.

July 21, 1647.

Upon complaint made that Mr. Hoole Mr. Harrington Mr. Skepwith Mr. Thomas Hurst Mr. Wye and Mr. Gibson ministers sequestered from their respective benefices in the County of Lincoln intrude themselves again thereinto prohibiting the parishioners from payment of their tithes unto the respective ministers and sequestrators of their several benefices endeavouring to possess themselves of the same It is ordered that they the said Mr. Hoole Mr. Harrington

Mr. Skipworth Mr. Thomas Hurst Mr. Wye and Mr. Gibson do make their appearance before this Committee on the 9th day of September next to answer their said contempt whereof they are not to fail at their peril.

NOTES.

THOMAS HURST, D.D.

From 'Calendar of the Committee for Compounding,' published under the direction of the Master of the Rolls.

THOMAS HURST, D.D., Barrowby, co. Lincoln, 4 June, 1646. Begs to compound on Newark Articles. His house being near the King's garrison, resided there, but never bore arms nor otherwise supported the forces.

26 July. John Somersall, of Leonard's, Shoreditch, petitions. Master Hurst being executor of Lewis Somersall, of Grantham, co. Lincoln, my uncle, whose daughter he married, and who died worth £10,000, Hurst instigated him to give nothing to any of his kindred that were Roundheads. He had £500 a year, kept his coach and footboy, and 'it was his usual custom, when he did invite any gentlemen of his own coat to his table, to have a set of music to usher in each several dish.' On

15 July, 1646, he said that these Roundheads were the most pestilent people that lived, and as for Puritans, he could not abide them. He also said that, for aught I knew, he had moneys beyond seas. I answered the commonalty paid for it.

Again, when I said that a man of his learning and estate might do more hurt to the State than 1,000 fighting soldiers could do, his answer was that now he should pay dear enough for it, and he was bound to serve his Majesty, being the King's chaplain, as my apprentice was bound to serve me; that it should never be said that the Hursts would prove base; and further, that 'the malignants made a full account to have beaten us, but now, we having beaten them, they must stoop unto us, whether they would or no'; and that they hoped for his Majesty's sudden coming to town, which makes them delay to bring in their moneys. Hurst uttered many other words savouring of strong malignancy.

— Dec. Dr. Hurst complains that the certificate of the County Committee does not distinguish his lands in fee from those which are for lives only, and begs to be allowed to put in his own particular.

23 Feb., 1647. Fine at $\frac{1}{3}$, £840.

29 May. Begs a review, having paid a moiety and secured the rest of his fine. Part of the lands compounded for belong to his children, by joint purchase and by lease from their grandfather (Lewis Somersall); part of the estate in Barrowby is litigious, and he cannot recover it.

12 Jan., 1648. Petition renewed.

6 March. Fine confirmed at £840.

17 March. The sub-committee are to distinguish those lands awarded from him since his composition, and to report for abatement of his fine.

9 June. Fine reduced to £725 8s. 4d.

16 Nov. Begs abatement for Abbotfield and other lands [co. Lincoln], which belong not to him, but to his children.

30 Nov. Fine reduced to £520.

Jan., 1650. The Aldermen and Burgesses of Grantham beg that as, when his fine was reduced to £520, the late Committee for Compounding deferred the report at their request, and as by just rules he should be discharged for £420 already paid, the present Committee for Compounding will confirm the reduction, that his charities may not be hindered, since

what is taken, added to his fine, will be taken from their poor. Noted, 'The Doctor has paid his fine, and nothing can be done.' (Eight signatures.)

11 June, 1650. Fine confirmed at £840.

16 July. Fine reduced to £640, and paid. His bond to be returned to him. The County Committee to certify if they have stopped the fifth to Mrs. Anne Hurst.

BASSINGHAM.

Walker in his 'Sufferings of the Clergy' (Part II., p. 113) gives a notice of another Rector of Bassingham, also one of the suffering clergy in respect of his expulsion from the Oxford University—Mr. James Metford, of Corpus Christi.

'He was very young at the time of the Oxford 'Visitation, and for that reason Dr. Reynolds, 'one of the Visitors, would have excused him 'from answering when cited before them amongst 'the rest of the Fellows and Scholars of this 'House; but another of the Visitors interposing 'said, "*He hath original sin in him as well as the* '*rest*," and accordingly the question was put to

'him whether he would submit or not? and upon
'his refusal he suffered in common with the rest
'of the College till the Restoration, at which
'time he was possessed of his scholarship, again
'created A.M., and at length became Rector of
'Bassingham, in Lincolnshire, Prebendary of
'Bole, in the Church of York (to which last he
'was promoted in 1687), and was living in 1709,
'aged then about 80 years. He was a native of
'Somerset, born, I think, at Crewkern, and was
'the worthy person from whom (through the
'hands of the Rev. Mr. Joshua Reynolds, Fellow
'of this House) I received the completed account
'of the expulsions made by the Visitors in this
'College. He hath a discourse extant against
'Simony.'

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